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## Schools reviews policy is agreed

THE future of schools with falling pupil numbers will be reviewed under plans by cash-strapped Powys County Council.

The council said primary schools with fewer than 50 pupils for three years and high schools with fewer than 500 students could be reviewed under a new policy.

The new schools transformation policy, which includes an organisation review panel for Powys's primary and secondary schools, was approved by the county council's cabinet this week.

Bosses say the new rules reflect "educational priorities and the current economic climate".

Cabinet Member for education, Councillor Arwel Jones said: "The transformation policy is a key strategic plan that sets out the council and its key partners' vision for education for the next three years.

"It gives residents a clear understanding of what the council intends and what results they can expect.

"The plan also clearly states the need to reorganise primary, secondary and post 16 sectors to ensure affordability, sustainability and leadership capacity.

"The new review criteria include significant changes to the previous policy but reflects changing educational priorities and the current economic climate."

The new policy will be implemented with immediate effect.

## Man set for court over dog attack

A MAN will appear in court next week after a puppy was savaged by a dog in a Welsh pool car park.

The man, who has not been named, was questioned by Dyfed-Powys Police under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991.

It comes after a puppy was attacked in the Berrier Street car park in Welshpool on July 13.

The puppy suffered serious injuries and underwent lengthy treatment.

Police spokeswoman Sian George said the owner of the offending dog had been interviewed and had now been charged and will appear at Welshpool Magistrates Court on Tuesday next week.



Poet - Wilfred Owen

## French village's tributes to poet recognised

HE is the Oswestry-born poet who brought the horror of the trenches to the awareness of millions.

And to mark Armistice Day, a Frenchman and his village are to be recognised for helping to honour his name.

Jacky Duminy is the mayor of Ors, the village close to where Wilfred Owen died on November 4, 1918, during the crossing of the Sambre-Oise Canal, a week before the Great War ended.

It has been revealed Mr Duminy

is to receive the British Empire Medal for his role in keeping the memory of the world famous poet alive.

Wilfred Owen was born in Oswestry and grew up in Shropshire.

He saw action in the trenches as a soldier and was awarded the Military Cross.

Mr Duminy said he was "delighted" to have been awarded the honour and will be travelling to Paris to receive it on behalf of

the people of Ors. Helen McPhail, former chairman of The Wilfred Owen Association in Shrewsbury, said the village had wholeheartedly embraced the memory of the soldier.

She said: "About 25 years ago I asked people in the village if they knew why so many English cars were seen going to the nearby military cemetery.

"And since the village learned of the presence in the cemetery of this important British poet they

have wholeheartedly adopted him as part of their own history."

The poet's grave is in a British military section in the communal Ors cemetery, not far from the canal where he was killed in the last major battle of the war.

The new primary School in the French village is now named after Wilfred Owen. And the small forster's house from which he wrote his famous last letter home has been turned into a visitor centre.

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# POWER BATTLE SET TO RESUME

**PROTESTORS fighting plans for a power line across parts of Mid Wales to a village near Oswestry are gearing up for the next round of the battle after energy bosses announced a fresh series of consultation meetings to reveal further details of the proposal.**

By Pam Kingsley

The 30-mile line, some of which is set to be underground while other parts may be carried on overhead pylons, is earmarked to run from Cefn Coch, near Llanfair Caereinion, to Lower Frankton, near Oswestry.

National Grid is proposing to build the line to take energy generated by proposed windfarms in Mid Wales to the national network.

But protestors fear the plans will decimate the tourism industry and destroy the countryside. National Grid has organised a series of consultation events in villages around the Welshpool and Oswestry area to outline its latest plans.

Project manager Jeremy Lee said: "When our consultation launches we will be presenting a detailed design for the connection.

"We've looked at how we can reduce the effects of our work and have carefully considered all the valuable feedback we have received from local communities, landowners and specialist bodies so far."

Members of Montgomeryshire Against Pylons (MAP)

are planning to attend as many of the 23 events as possible as they continue to protest about the plans as well as the proposed windfarms. A planning inquiry was held into the windfarm plans earlier this year, with a decision not expected before the end of November at the earliest.

Jonathan Wilkinson, chairman of MAP said: "We're going to be attending as many as we can, but we'll be outside trying to push our fundraising effort.

"That's going to be split between our own needs and Macmillan Cancer Care.

"We want to raise funds to help pay for a judicial review of the windfarms, should the planning inspector not refuse them planning permission."

Mr Wilkinson said he was frustrated that the plans were progressing when it is not certain yet that the power line will be needed.

The first event will take place on November 24 at Whittington Senior Citizens Hall from 1.30pm to 7.30pm. Further events will be held around the area until the middle of January.

## Ambulance award for Chronicle



Former Chronicle associate editor Graham Breeze with the award

THE Chronicle has been presented with a Business Support Award by the West Midlands Ambulance Service for helping to provide Oswestry with a network of defibrillators.

Former associate editor Graham Breeze received the award on behalf of the newspaper at a ceremony held at Walsall's Bescot Stadium last Thursday night.

The Excellence in the Community Awards honoured members of the public from across the West Midlands region who have gone beyond the call of duty to help save lives and support the work of the ambulance service's 4,500 staff.

Awards were given to a wide variety of groups including the region's community first responders, St John Ambulance, other emergency services and voluntary organisations, businesses and individuals.

Last year the newspaper launched an appeal to fund the life-saving defibrillator network for Oswestry which was widely supported by readers and advertisers.

Thanks to the campaign the town has five defibrillators available for use by the community.

"It was a very humbling experience to receive the award on the Chronicle's behalf," said Mr Breeze, of Welshpool.

"The West Midlands Ambulance team provides an incredible service and it was wonderful to see so many of them honoured for their heroics.

"Our appeal may only be a small part of a very large jigsaw, but if only one life is saved in Oswestry it will have been worthwhile."

The award was presented by Sir Graham Meldrum, chairman of the West Midlands Ambulance Trust.

Dr Anthony Marsh, chief executive, paid tribute to all the award winners during the ceremony.

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## Pensioner victim of burglary in village

FOUR men broke into the home of an 86-year-old woman during a "fiendish" burglary which has shocked a community.

The men broke into the woman's home in Chirk Road in Gobowen while she was inside.

The intruders forced the back door of the woman's home at about 12.20pm on Friday and shut her in a room while they carried out a search of the property.

The woman is not believed to have been injured or threatened during the break-in. The alarm was raised by a concerned neighbour and forensic officers were called to carry out tests to discover what was taken and who the men are.

Members of the community have spoken of their shock at the burglary, urging residents to keep their eyes open for suspicious behaviour.

Councillor David Lloyd, Shropshire councillor for Gobowen, Selattyn and Weston Rhyn, said: "This is a fiendish attempt by people to scare and rob an elderly person. In any circumstances this highlights the vital need for us to have our eyes wide open and spot any suspicious behaviour - funny enough it is not too difficult to spot once you start looking."

Councillor Robert John Macey, who is also a Shropshire Council member for the area, said "I really feel for the victim. It is not something you would want to happen to anyone let alone an elderly lady."

## Castle set for invasion of rally fans

CHIRK Castle is gearing up to welcome an unusual invasion on Saturday, the 160 rally drivers taking part in Wales Rally GB.

The historic property is hosting a RallyFest as part of the three-day rally where hundreds of car fans can get a close look at some of the world's most powerful vehicles. A special traffic management system has been introduced at Chirk after problems with traffic jams at last year's event.

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Welshpool residents have been remembering their war fallen. Turn to Page 19.

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# Police amnesty aiming to take weapons off streets

Report by Andrew Morris

**A TWO-week gun amnesty has begun in Mid Wales – as new figures showed almost 50 guns have been handed over in the space of a week during a similar initiative in Shropshire.**

Dyfed-Powys Police said people can hand in guns this week and next as part of its Keep Wales Safe campaign.

## Inquests opened on victims of road crash

INQUESTS have been opened into the deaths of two friends killed in a car crash on the Shropshire border.

Philip Madden and Shane Vickers, who used to live in the Oswestry area, both died after the Vauxhall Corsa being driven by Mr Madden collided with a tree on the A495 at Bronington before bursting into flames on October 30.

Mr Madden, a 19-year-old apprentice electrician, of Brooklea in Northwood, near Wem, was taken to the Maelor Hospital in Wrexham but died shortly afterwards. Mr Vickers, 22, was pronounced dead at the scene. A self-employed carpenter, he lived at Bettisfield.

The inquests were opened in Ruthin by coroner John Gittins.

He said that post-mortem examinations revealed that Mr Madden suffered major traumatic injuries and Mr Vickers major thoracic injuries.

The inquests were adjourned to April.

It comes after West Mercia Police revealed it has been handed 208 firearms in a week since starting the same campaign in the force area.

West Mercia Police said 22 of the 208 have been handed in at Malinsgate, Telford, and a further 26 in Shrewsbury.

Superintendent Charles Hill of West Mercia Police said: "We know that there are a lot of unregistered firearms in the region, perhaps in people's lofts or garages, and these can and do fall into the wrong hands and end up being used for criminal activity. Every firearm handed in is one less weapon that can fall into the wrong hands."

"We're extremely pleased with the public's response to this campaign and the support they have shown in helping us to make the region safer and protect people from harm. The campaign ends on Sunday and I would encourage as many people as possible to take this opportunity to hand in any unregistered firearms or firearms they no longer require."

Simon Powell, assistant chief constable of Dyfed-Powys Police, said: "Police are asking members of the public to get in touch regarding any unlawfully held or unwanted firearms and ammunition to help prevent them getting into the wrong hands."

## House badly damaged by large fire



Firefighters were called to attend the house fire at Wern Ddu near Oswestry

DOZENS of firefighters worked through the night tackling a large fire that ripped through the roof of a detached home near Oswestry.

Roads surrounding the house in Wern Ddu were closed while fire crews battled the blaze, which destroyed the roof of the house.

The isolated position of the building provided a logistical headache for firefighters.

Crews had to seal off the scene from almost a mile around as they sourced water.

Firefighters from across Shropshire headed to the building near Oswestry,

which was empty when the fire broke out.

Firefighters from stations including Baschurch, Bridgnorth, Ellesmere, Minsterley, Oswestry, Prees and Tweedale were among those called to tackle the blaze.

The fire started at around 6.30pm on Friday night and the scene was still being dampened down more than 15 hours later on Saturday.

A spokesman for Shropshire Fire and Rescue said the building was "100 per cent involved in fire".

He said the five appliances included a heavy pumping unit, an incident

command unit, an incident support unit, a Land Rover pump and a water carrier.

Several pumping appliances were used to ferry water from nearby hydrants along country lanes to the house.

Staff from a utility company were also called to the scene as a safety measure.

Police were also called to the incident.

Investigations have been held into the cause of the blaze.

The owners were away from Shropshire at the time of the fire.

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## Teething troubles hit health service

AMBULANCE service bosses in Shropshire have apologised for a series of missed appointments and late arrivals.

Medical Services Ltd took over the contract for providing non-emergency health transport in the county on November 1.

But it has suffered teething troubles which have upset patients and health workers who rely on it.

Medical Services Ltd was given the ambulance contract by Telford & Wrekin and Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Groups.

Its regional manager Ray Owen said: "We are sorry that some of our service users have not received the usual high standard of service that we aspire to, and usually deliver."

"Where things have gone wrong we are doing all that we can to make sure that things are put right as quickly as possible."

He said there had been an unprecedented number of calls and extra call handlers had been brought in.

"Staff that transferred to Medical Services from the previous provider have been on a very steep learning curve over the past week," he said. "They are now becoming more familiar with the new control and operating processes that are in place."

## Club set to host event

OSWESTRY Senior Citizens' Club will hold a dance and social evening at its headquarters in Lorne Street on November 27.

The evening will feature entertainment by Jim Edwards and there will be a buffet supper. Tickets cost £5 and doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.30pm start. The Christmas whist drive will be held on November 29.

# Fire-hit restaurant to stay shut until after Christmas

A FIRE-hit Oswestry restaurant is unlikely to open again until the new year, its owners have revealed.

Bosses of Brooks Around The Corner in Church Street had hoped to open on Sunday for lunch, but revealed on social networking site Facebook they would not be able to do so.

Owners Matt and Lisa Newton also revealed the restaurant will be closed over the Christmas period.

The building remained closed over the weekend following the fire and a gas leak that later affected the building.

Eight fire engines and police officers were called to the restaurant on Wednesday evening last week, after a fire started in the basement at about 5pm.

The fire is believed to have started in a tumble drier.

Roads were closed, a safety cordon was set up by firefighters and neighbouring buildings were evacuated for some of the evening over fears gas canisters would explode.

A gas leak was discovered the following day during routine checks being carried out by firefighters following the blaze, forcing the closing off of the area again.

Incident manager Tim Davidson from Oswestry Fire Station said: "We were carrying out a re-inspection of hot spots but during that we found there was a potential gas leak, at which point we asked for the gas company to attend."

"They discovered there was a slight leak coming from the main gas supply pipe."

"As a precaution we set up a 200m cordon and evacuated about 15 premises with the assistance of police."

Posting on Facebook on Saturday, the owners thanked everyone for their support and help but said the business would have to remain closed over the busy Christmas period.

By Pam Kingsley

They said: "We would just like to say that Brooks is not open tomorrow. Nor will we be over the Christmas period."

"Again we'd like to thank everyone for your kind words and thoughts during this very difficult upsetting time. We are going to be re-opening but obviously this will take some time."

"The support we've received from you has been wonderful. It's made this time a little easier to cope with."

"We're looking forward to welcoming you all back once the restaurant is fully ready."

"Thanks again for your understanding, especially those who had bookings."

Last week Mr Newton and his staff managed to prepare 180 meals, as part of an arrangement he has to supply children at West Felton Primary School and prep care nursery, Little Acorns Nursery and Footsteps Nursery.

On the Facebook page it also said: "Thanks to our hardworking and dedicated staff there has been and will not be any interruption with regards to the meals."

"We have relocated to a new premises and the staff have work hard all day cleaning scrubbing and preparing our new kitchen. Just to clarify school meals will go out as normal on Monday and in the future."



Firefighters were called to attend the blaze at Brooks Around The Corner

## Drunk woman made rail station threats

A DRUNK woman threatened to push two young children and "splat" them under a train at a railway station near Oswestry, a magistrates court has been told.

Rachel Finch, 25, of Boulton Grange, Telford admitted a charge of using threatening words and behaviour.

She also pleaded guilty to three charges of theft and a charge of failing to surrender to custody during an appearance at Telford Magistrates Court.

Prosecuting, Katie Price, said that Finch, while drunk, had threatened one of the passengers on the platform at Gobowen station.

She was heard saying she would "splat" the woman under the train and

told her: "I'm going to throw your kids under the train."

The court was told the children, aged seven and 11, and mother were extremely upset.

The magistrates were told they left the station and abandoned plans for their trip that day.

The thefts, magistrates heard, happened in Co-op and B&M shops, where Finch stole cider and food on different occasions, totalling around £30.

Miss Price said Finch's language and behaviour had continued even when arrested by police.

In mitigation Steven Meredith said that Finch's previous offending had been linked to a partner who regularly stole to feed a drinking habit.

He said Finch was "profoundly unsophisticated" and had immediately admitted the offences when questioned by police.

He said she would be helped by the opportunity of working with probation service.

"Hopefully we can nip this in the bud and she can be prevented from escalating into a life of crime," he said.

Finch was given a 24-month community order with a six-month treatment programme for alcohol problems.

She was ordered to pay the victim compensation of £75 and prosecution costs of £85 and a victim surcharge of £60.

She was also ordered to pay compensation for the thefts of around £30.

## Mother tells of baby death upset

A WOMAN has told how she suffered a nervous breakdown after her baby daughter's remains were allegedly "flushed away" with clinical waste at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital.

Christina Hall lost her daughter Sarah more than 30 years ago when she suffered a late miscarriage.

The 77-year-old, of Four Crosses, says she never got to see her daughter following her birth in 1977.

Her husband Ken claims nursing staff put seven-month-old Sarah's body in with the clinical waste and "flushed" her away. The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust, which was launched in 2003, was unable to comment on the issue but urged the couple to get in touch if they wanted to investigate the matter further.

## Roundabout work drawing to close

IMPROVEMENT work should be finished on the Mile End Roundabout on the outskirts of Oswestry before Christmas, the Highways Agency has said.

General roadworks continue at the busy junction of the A5/A483 trunk roads until November 17 when once again there will be traffic light control and road closures to finish resurfacing and the installation of signs. From December 8-12 there will be white lining and road studs put in with the removal of the roadworks compound between December 15-19.

## Town council to discuss garden

THE November meeting of Llanfyllin Town Council will be held on Wednesday in the Public Institute in the town.

An update into the forest garden being created at Bodfach will be given to councillors and members of the public by Dewi Morris.

There will also be a report on the proposed Christmas celebrations for the town and on recycling measures.

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# Marathon girl Amy to pull switch on Christmas lights

By Pam Kingsley

**SUPER** marathon runner Amy Hughes will turn on Oswestry's Christmas lights this year, it has been announced.

Amy set a new world record earlier this year by completing 53 marathons in 53 days to raise money for charity.

Organisers of the big festive lights switch-on said they were delighted the Oswestry fitness fanatic had agreed to attend the ceremony.

The big switch-on takes place on Thursday next week on the Bailey Head in Oswestry town centre and organisers say this year's celebrations, which have traditionally been seen as the start of the town's festive season, is shaping up to be better than ever.

## Kirstie's life is remembered by school friends' charity fundraising

A GROUP of former students have raised more than £5,000 in memory of young Oswestry murder victim Kirstie Foster to mark what would have been her 21st birthday.

Kirstie from Osbaston was just 15 when she was murdered along with her mother Jill by her father, Christopher Foster in 2008. He then died after setting fire to the family home.

To celebrate their friend's life several of those who were at school with Kirstie at Ellesmere College held a music festival to coincide with her 21st birthday.

This week 22-year-old twins, Melissa and Zoe Evans, from Rowton near Shrewsbury, presented a cheque for £3,078 to Hope House Children's Hospice following the presentation of £2,000 to the Dogs for the Disabled Charity at a meeting of Alberbury Young Farmers' Club, which helped to organise the festival.

Melissa, secretary of the club, said friends from the college had always planned to mark Kirstie's 21st birthday and decided to hold a music festival.

"It was held in a field at home at Rowton," she said.

"It was a celebration, a night to remember happy times with Kirstie. The event was very special and I'd like to thank everyone involved for their help in making it such a great success."

"We are so grateful to Alberbury Young Farmers, the members helped so much on the night."

Oswestry Town Council's events manager David Clough said: "We are delighted that Amy Hughes will be coming along to switch on our Christmas lights."

Mr Clough added: "We asked Amy to come along in recognition of her incredible charity fundraising work and we were delighted she has agreed."

"This year's celebrations, which start at 4pm, are jam packed with activities and entertainment and it is difficult to say exactly when the lights will go on because we have so many things happening, but we are aiming for about 5.30pm."

"We have a stage this year and we have a full line-up of schools and organisations coming along to perform carols."

"We have children from various schools including Holy Trinity, the Marches, Woodside and Bellan House and we also have the Derwen College coming along and members of Stagecoach performing."

"Footballers from The New Saints football club are coming along for a meet and greet."

Mr Clough said another star attraction would be an appearance by a Minion, a character from the huge film hit Despicable Me.

He said: "It should be a lot of fun and there will be plenty of photo opportunities."

"We are looking forward to a great occasion."

Amy Hughes's super marathon efforts has seen thousands raised for the Isabelle Lottie Foundation.

The foundation has been set up and supported by friends and family of three-year-old Izzy Wynne, who was diagnosed with a form of brain tumour.

The 26-year-old beat the men's world record of 52 consecutive marathons by completing her final 26-mile trek in Manchester at the end of September.

Amy started in Chester at the start of August and visited towns and cities across Britain, claiming the women's world record for consecutive marathons along the way.

## Firm helps tackle Ebola crisis



Mike Webb with some of the water cooler units

EBOLA sufferers in West Africa are being treated with clean water thanks to work by an Oswestry company.

Natural Welsh Water landed a contract to supply 120 water cooler units, along with water purification and sanitising systems, for victims of the disease.

The Maesbury Road company, a previous Shropshire Business Awards Company of the Year winner, gained the contract at short notice thanks to work it carried out for the Olympic Games.

The units will be used in medical centres throughout the affected region.

Managing director Mike Webb said: "Having supplied water coolers to the London 2012 Olympics we were on the Govern-

ment data list for suppliers and received an order for the vital units which needed to be flown out of RAF Kemble in Wiltshire two days later. With a great deal of effort we managed to meet the deadline and sent out our latest cooler units which come complete with their own water purification and sanitising system - being ideal for their destined location."

"This truly is a terrible disease with devastating consequences and we were pleased to be able to support the huge medical campaign currently in operation fighting the outbreak in West Africa."

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# Abduction attempt on girl sparks appeal from police

By Pam Kingsley

**TEENAGERS in Oswestry has been warned by police to "remain vigilant" after a girl fought a man who tried to abduct her.**

Officers made the warning after the 14-year-old was grabbed by a man who was wearing a scarf across his face.

She managed to get herself clear and flee the scene before raising the alarm at home. The incident happened as the girl walked along Roft Street towards the Victoria Road/Lower Brook Street junction. The attack happened on Wednesday last week at 7.40pm.

Extra police have been sent to the area and schools have also warned their pupils to be aware.

## New base for breast screen unit

THE mobile breast screening unit in Oswestry has moved location.

The service, which is run by Shropshire Breast Screening, has moved to Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital at Gobowen from its current site in Victoria Road.

The breast screening programme across Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin was extended in September.

In line with the national expansion of the programme, it has been extended to cover eligible women aged between 47 and 73.

Previously, women aged between 50 and 70 were screened every three years.

The aim of breast screening is to detect breast cancer at an earlier stage, often before the woman is aware of any problem. David Burrows, communications and engagement officer at the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust said the expansion of the service would be phased in over the next six years.

He said: "Initially, approximately half of the women in each of the age groups 47 to 49 and 70 to 73 will be invited for screening."

"All women aged between 50 and 70 will continue to be invited for screening every three years as normal and this will be extended to all women aged between 47 and 73 from 2017. Randomising the phasing in of the age extension is a national initiative that will allow the net benefit of extending the age range for breast screening to be scientifically evaluated."

Sergeant Scott Barnes said: "I would like to reassure the local community that we are patrolling the area. I would ask everyone to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to police."

The girl managed to give police a description of the man. He is described as being white, in his 20s, with black straight hair with a fringe.

He was wearing a hooded long dark coat with buttons across the front and a bandana or scarf across his nose and mouth.

Arthur Walpole, who is chairman of governors at the Marches School in Oswestry, said he was shocked to hear of the incident.

He said: "Any incident of this nature is of considerable concern."

"It is difficult to imagine that you would feel anything other than safe walking near the town centre at that time - this is very unusual."

"Firstly I would encourage the youngsters, especially as the nights draw in, to be vigilant at all times."

"They should walk with a friend and make sure their parents know where they are and when they should be arriving home."

Residents spoke concern after hearing of the attack. Andrew Rathbone, 45, said: "We've had to stop our son, who's nine, from going out on his bike, and our daughter has just started a new school and walks home with friends, so we're a bit worried about it. We don't want to scaremonger, but we do want to give them an education in staying safe. We've got to be careful."

John Thomas, 68, who lives in Ferraes Road, just off Roft Street, said he was surprised that anyone would attempt to abduct someone in that area, especially as it happened at the same time as emergency services were in the area dealing with a fire at Brooks Around the Corner on the corner of Lower Brook Street.

Anyone who saw a man matching the description in the area at the time is asked to call 101 quoting incident 639S of Wednesday November 5.

## Artwork goes on display



Artist Andrew Evans hangs his work at Oswestry Visitor and Exhibition Centre

THE work of two artists has been brightening up an art gallery in Oswestry.

From the soft blues and greens of the Welsh countryside to vivid portraits and studies, the work of Andrew Evans and Juliette Booth has gone on display at the Oswestry Visitor and Exhibition Centre in Church Terrace.

The exhibition will run until the end of the year.

Mr Evans, from Llandeilo in Carmarthenshire, has been a professional artist since 2000 and has won prizes for his landscape and nature paintings in watercolours and acrylics.

Miss Booth's work includes portraits and studies in her individual painting style. Alongside the artwork, the centre will be

opening its Christmas craft shop throughout November and December.

Both art displays will run until December 27 and admission is free.

Karen Pringle, from the visitor centre, said: "Our Christmas Craft Shop is up and running throughout November and December and crammed with beautiful local craftwork for those individual gifts."

"In December children's choirs from local schools will charm us with their carol singing on selected days in our cosy setting."

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## BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

There's a General Election on the horizon and if you're one of those floating voters still undecided where to put your cross next May you won't have been helped by the unbelievable goings on this week.

Things worsened for the Conservative government this week when, what should have been a simple vote on the European Arrest Warrant (EAW) descended into chaos.

Speaker John Bercow insisted the EAW was not covered by the planned motion but in the end MPs voted by 464 votes to 36 in favour of government regulations allowing Britain to opt back in to some EU police and criminal justice measures.

But not before Prime Minister David Cameron was embarrassingly called back from a Lord Mayor's dinner in a glare of publicity, to support a struggling Home Secretary, Theresa May.

The vote may have gone the government's way but the high profile shambles did very little to inspire confidence in the sitting party. Not that Labour is basking in glory this week. Sunday front-page headlines were ghastly. "Labour voters say Miliband unfit to be PM," said the Sunday Times. Shadow education minister "plunges in the dagger," said the Mail on Sunday and "Labour push to axe Miliband," alleged the Sun on Sunday.

There was widespread criticism of Liberal leader Nick Clegg after he claimed his party would cut income tax for 29 million people if they were in government after the election.

And if UKIP leader Nigel Farage though the timing was right to take advantage of such bad press he was quickly forced to think again.

Mr Farage faces being questioned by Scotland Yard over claims his alleged 'mistress' falsely accused a Conservative MP of sexual assault. Detectives investigating claims that Annabelle Fuller fabricated the case say that Ms Fuller made phone calls to Mr Farage on the evening in question.

Ms Fuller later withdrew the allegation and while there is no suggestion Mr Farage was complicit with any alleged wrongdoing by Ms Fuller, who was working as one of his aides at the time, he faces questions from the Yard. You've still got plenty of time to make your decision but do any of these parties inspire you with enough confidence to give them your vote? Whitehall farce springs to mind.

After problems with motorists refusing to observe the annual silence of remembrance on Welshpool's Broad Street over the last two years it was good to see respect being paid on Tuesday. Police were on hand to ensure motorists recognised the occasion.



Graham Breeze collects the award from ambulance trust chairman Sir Graham Meldrum



Terry Foster of the West Midlands Ambulance Service gave Chronicle staff vital training



Nick and Gillian Richards with the Chronicle's Marcus Evans and Graham Breeze

# Campaign was taken to heart of community

**The Chronicle has won an award for its Keeping Oswestry Alive campaign. ANDREW MORRIS reports**

**WHEN the Oswestry and Border Chronicle launched its campaign to site heart defibrillators at strategic points around the town nobody realised how successful the ground-breaking scheme would turn out to be.**

Within weeks of the launch of the Keeping Oswestry Alive campaign, companies, organisations and individuals throughout the town and beyond offered their support to the programme.

Backed by the British Heart Foundation and the West Midlands Ambulance Service, donations started rolling in to the Chronicle's offices in Oswestry to pay for the potentially life-saving heart defibrillators.

## Training

In addition to donations from companies and organisations, staff from the Oswestry and Border Chronicle ran half-marathons and packed bags in supermarkets to raise the money to pay for the defibrillators.

Staff at the newspaper office also gave up their own time to undergo defibrillator training.

Support came from a variety of sources ranging from youngsters at the Meadows School in Oswestry to Nick and Gillian Richards from Oswestry firm David Davies & Sons.

Incredibly, in less than 12 months enough money was raised for the purchase of five defibrillators.

It now means that no one in Oswestry town centre is more than 200 metres



Meadows School children with Graham Breeze and Dave Lee-Birch

away from a defibrillator. The huge success of the campaign culminated in the West Midlands Ambulance Service giving a special award to the Oswestry and Border Chronicle at a ceremony at Walsall's Bescot Stadium last week.

Fittingly it was the Chronicle's recently retired associate editor Graham Breeze, who spearheaded the remarkably successful campaign alongside former Chronicle advertisement manager Dave Lee-Birch, who was invited to pick up the award on behalf of everyone who had supported the event.

Mr Breeze said: "The Chronicle remains very thankful to lots of very generous people for supporting the campaign so well."

"Thanks to a number of donations from local businesses and organisations, together with a variety of fund-raising events, we managed to raise

almost £6,000 which allowed us to reach our target of purchasing five defibrillators.

"We are also thankful for the marvellous support we have had from West Midlands Ambulance Service, and community paramedic officer Terry Foster in particular, throughout the project."

"There was a remarkable response to our appeal."

"The British Heart Foundation helped with part-funding but we needed to raise £6,000 and our readers and advertisers came up with the goods."

"It was a very rewarding campaign."

"Dave Lee-Birch and I came up with the plan after the town's ambulance station closed. If just one life is saved it will prove worthwhile. We believe that every town should have its own network of defibrillators in place."

Newly appointed Chronicle associ-

ate editor Iain St John said: "Graham's hard work and passion for the campaign was extraordinary and he worked tirelessly to ensure it was a huge success."

"Everyone at the Chronicle is delighted that the ambulance service has seen fit to recognise the campaign through the award."

"Campaigns such as these demonstrate how a local paper can support its local community in a practical way."

The defibrillators located at the Senior Citizens Club in Lorne Street, Powis Hall, the Wynnstay Hotel in Church Street and the Chronicle office in Salop Road are accessible 24 hours a day, whilst a fifth device, which is kept in the offices of the Principality Building Society and Woodhead Estates in Leg Street, is available during office hours.

## Surviving

Staff members at all venues have been given training in how to use the devices by community paramedic officer Terry Foster, who explained the importance of the devices in helping to save lives.

Mr Foster said: "The quicker a defibrillator shock can be done, the greater chance a patient in cardiac arrest has of surviving."

"For every minute a patient is in cardiac arrest their chance of survival decreases by ten per cent, so the importance of these defibrillators cannot be underestimated."

"The hope is that more towns in Shropshire now follow the lead of Oswestry and start installing public access defibrillators."

The British Heart Foundation's Warren Appleby added: "We are delighted to be associated with the campaign and to help provide exactly what is needed in Oswestry, vital equipment in key locations."

"Although we hope it is not needed, this equipment will potentially save lives and we would like to thank everyone who has got involved and helped to raise funds."

## WORKING FOR YOU



Owen Paterson MP

Living in Shropshire has enormous advantages but one of the areas of immense frustration is the hopeless lack of reliable mobile phone reception.

It is wholly unacceptable that in 2014 with all our technology, no one is able to travel between the five market towns of North Shropshire without the signal cutting out.

One of the issues that bugged me in Government was that the data on phone signals provided to us proved to be wildly inaccurate. I was therefore pleased to learn about the Countryside Alliance's campaign which aims to highlight the areas most affected by lack of coverage.

By installing the Countryside Alliance app, your mobile phone can start mapping the areas with little reception and then feed these results back. It's a fantastic idea but more people need to get involved so that they can get more accurate results. A few months ago the Shropshire Star started their 'Get Us Connected' campaign. In no time at all the petition had gained nearly 2,000 signatures and the backing of Shropshire Council.

Lack of reception in Shropshire is not just immensely damaging to the quality of social life and business activity; in cases of emergency it actually puts lives at risk. This petition will be presented to Sajid Javid MP, the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport. As Secretary of State for DEFRA I had regular meetings with Cabinet colleagues in DCMS and DCLG looking at ways the Government could improve coverage in the countryside.

My DEFRA job took me to every corner of rural Britain and I became increasingly concerned at the impact that lack of signal was having on rural areas; I was particularly pleased by the new Secretary of State, Sajid Javid's willingness to listen to my concerns and tackle this problem once and for all.

I am very interested in his current consultation on national roaming. The Government has given the industry, businesses and the public until November 26 to respond to the proposals; I hope that local people will make their views heard.

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**A:** Online accounts are becoming quite a problem when people die, especially in the case of paperless accounts where shops insist on doing everything digitally and no longer send out hard copy statements. Unless the deceased person has left information appertaining to their online accounts it can be a nightmare for their executors.

We recommend that when you make your Will you also make a list of all your online accounts. As with your Will, this will need to be updated as circumstances change. You should keep the list with your Will but keep passwords separately and make sure your executors know where they are. This will enable your executors to write and cancel the services. Regarding your social media accounts, check with family and friends as to whether or not they still want to be able to see your pages after you die, for example to access your photographs, and then leave clear instructions about what should happen to your online presence. This is important because it is, for example, very difficult for someone else to close down an email account in the name of another.

To sum up, you should make a traditional Will to cover all your physical assets and include instructions for your executors in respect of how you want them to manage your online presence. Keep a safe record of all your accounts and store it with your Will. Instruct a solicitor to act as one of your executors if necessary.

Further information relating to this question is available from Victoria Wilson, a Senior Solicitor with GHP Legal.

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# Ban on animals in circus needed

## Fracking must be halted in its tracks

BY Bob Pitcher's bizarre reasoning, an innocent human being serving a life sentence in prison is spared the dangers faced by a free man or woman, and so their incarceration is a blessing, not a curse (Letter: "Animals in circuses do have Dignity", October 23).

In the 21st century, it's an odd person who believes that it is acceptable for wild animals to be denied everything that is natural to them, confined to small cages and carted from town to town, forced to perform silly contortions and often painful tricks.

In nature where they belong, animals have their freedom, the most precious of commodities. There are dangers in nature and in the city: there are predators in both environments but that doesn't mean any living being wishes to be locked up for life.

The British Veterinary Association has made it clear that the welfare needs of wild animals cannot be met within a circus environment, every animal protection group in the country is calling for a ban, 94 per cent of respondents to the government consultation on wild animals in circuses voted for a ban, and parliament even went as far as to instruct the government to introduce the long overdue ban. The time for discussions is over. The ban must come in as promised.

**JAINA SHAH**  
People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals

## New rule is required

WE are purported to be a nation of animal lovers yet every year hundreds of cats and thousands of dogs and rabbits suffer and die in cruel experiments.

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pean Union is published in 24 different languages.

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Joining the EU in 1973 was a step back into the dark ages for Britain, the EU is anti-progress, anti-common sense and anti-British. Get us out!

**BOB WYDELL**  
Oswestry

## Old photograph shows a peaceful scene



Station Road, Chirk, as seen in a postcard posted in 1906 to a Mrs Thomas, of Montford Bridge, Shrewsbury. The picture came to us originally from Mr Jim Kelsall, of Oswestry, but originally from an old Shrewsbury family.

## Evolution theory still not proved

THAT bastion of belief in evolution came up with another problem with the theory in his recent programme Human Universe.

He stated that there is a significant "bottleneck" in evolution in that very early cells were very simple organisms whereas later cells in more developed creatures are more complex.

No-one knows how cells progressed from simple to complex. He mentioned one or two possibilities but admitted no-one new if any where right.

In other words there is still no proof of evolution.

When are they going to admit that evolution is not proved and therefore other possibilities may be right?

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## Remember Wales during power talks

THE UK Government have pledged to outline a plan for extra powers to Scotland and a response to the demands for change in England by January.

But what about Wales? The Institute of Welsh Affairs is an independent think-tank and registered charity dedicated to making Wales better. As discussions between Edinburgh and Westminster begin, the IWA will be working towards ensuring that Wales' voice is heard.

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**LEE WATERS**  
Institute of Welsh Affairs

## Outdated acts must be stopped

THE Rev Bob Pitcher tried to defend the use of wild animals in circuses, but he appears not to understand the realities of an industry which even David Cameron has described as "outdated".

There is simply no way that the lifestyle of a travelling circus can give wild animals an acceptable quality of life.

They are forced to travel in cramped conditions, have limited space to exercise and are forced to perform demeaning tricks for "entertainment". Animal Defenders International has uncovered animal suffering and mistreatment in circuses time and again.

**JAN CREAMER**  
Animal Defenders International

THE latest IPCC report states quite clearly that climate change is set to inflict "severe, widespread, and irreversible impacts" on people and the natural world unless carbon emissions are cut sharply and rapidly.

This report is the result of the collaboration of thousands of scientists and is the most important assessment of global warming yet published.

It is clear and detailed. More burning of fossil fuels will place too many risks on the ecological system which supports humanity.

Fracking will mean more burning, and we would be unwise to even consider taking such a foolhardy risk.

Ban Ki-moon, the UN Secretary General has sent a message to the investors of large pension funds, asking them to divest from fossil fuels.

Here in Wales we can either increase the extraction of fossil fuels, or remove them from the equation completely.

We should take the historic opportunity to do the latter.

Fracking sites are planned all over Wales, and the Welsh Government has full jurisdiction over the planning process, we therefore ask for that authority to be used to stop the process of fracking in its tracks.

**PIPPA BARTOLOTTI**  
Leader, Wales Green Party

## Lose your power first

THERE is an even chance this winter that we will have power cuts due to insufficient output to cater for any surges in demand.

I would ask that all the anti-frackers, anti-nuclear, anti-gas, anti-coal protesters have the courage of their convictions and register with the power companies and ask to be the first to lose power.

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**Dairy farmers continue protests**  
 ABOUT 100 farmers blockaded the Shropshire headquarters of dairy processing giant Muller Wiseman to protest against slashes to the price of milk. They prevented lorries from entering or leaving the dairy as drivers were forced to turn away. Farmers from Shropshire, Cheshire, Staffordshire, Derbyshire and Mid Wales were among those who braved the wet weather at the protest on Tuesday night.

The majority of campaigners, with protest group Farmers for Action (FFA), set off from Market Drayton's Live-stock Centre to take up position outside the dairy plant.

The protestors stood fast outside the plant, a major employer in the town, late into the night.

It follows a similar protest outside Shropshire's biggest dairy in October.

**Assembly inquiry to look at abuse**

THE effects of alcohol and substance abuse will be examined in an inquiry to be carried out by the Welsh Assembly's health and social care committee.

People living in Wales will be asked to tell committee members about the impacts of alcohol and substance misuse on them and their experiences with services set up to help.

The committee will also look into the effectiveness of current Welsh Government policies on tackling alcohol and substance misuse.

# Wartime communications base set for regeneration

**A FORMER secret communications bunker which played a vital role in both the Second War War and Cold War has been sold.**

The Criggion radio station, between Oswestry and Welshpool, was left to rot for more than a decade after it was taken out of use.

The site was closed and vacated by BT, which operated the site on behalf of the Ministry of Defence, in 2001.

Now owners Telereal Trillium has sold the site, which includes four separate buildings and 11.68 acres of agricultural land, to four mystery local investors.

The new owners have not yet revealed what they plan to do with the site.

Mark Kelly, director of disposals and development at Telereal Trillium, said: "The community showed a strong interest in the site and we are very pleased that the sale has been completed by four local investors."

"We are confident that the regeneration of the lots will bring life back to the area and will directly benefit the immediate community."

Built in 1942, the site was formerly used as a naval communications centre and transmitter site during the Second World War and the Cold War.

It has remained vacant since its closure in 2001.

The site was available for purchase as a whole, or as separate lots.

The agricultural land

By Emma Walker

around the buildings was originally put up for sale with an combined price of £1,350,000.

It was considered for a variety of uses, including a design studio, industrial storage, conversion to residential use, a museum, and a day care centre, among others.

The station, which sits underneath the Breiddens, has been branded an eyesore over the years by residents and local councillors.

The station was once the heartbeat of Britain's naval communications and played a vital role in many key military decisions.

The centre was built during the Second World War amid fears the Germans could bomb the UK's main communications post at Rugby, Warwickshire. During the war, the station and its three 700ft radio masts and three 600ft towers were used to keep the admiralty in contact with Royal Navy ships around the world.



One of the disused buildings at Criggion radio station, a former secret wartime communications centre

## Dr Who contest at town market

DOCTOR Who fans are being challenged to track down caricatures of their favourite time traveller in celebration of the character's 51st birthday.

Oswestry Indoor Market is running an exhibition of Doctor Who caricatures by local artist Nigel Thomas.

All 12 actors who have played the role are represented, and each picture features a quotation from a televised story.

Fans who can name the stories from which all 12 quotations come have a chance of winning a Doctor Who hoodie featuring the Doctor of their choice.

Mr Thomas said: "Doctor Who is 51 years old this autumn so to celebrate his birthday Oswestry Town Market and Community-Online wanted to given fans the chance to win a hoodie."

"If you're a not a Doctor Who geek, don't worry."

"Some very heavy hints to the correct answers can be found on the www.community-online.co.uk website in the coffee lounge section," Mr Thomas said.

The Dr Who exhibition is on display upstairs near the café of Oswestry Indoor Market.

The market is open on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

The closing date for entries is November 23.

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## Residents welcome turbine decision

A DECISION to throw out plans for a giant wind turbine has been welcomed by people who feared it would have led to more fatal accidents on a nearby road.

Residents in the Ellesmere area feared the proposed 327ft (99.7m) turbine in Tetchill would have been a distraction for motorists travelling on the A495.

The road, which links Ellesmere and Oswestry, has witnessed several fatal accidents over the last few years. Planning officers at Shropshire Council refused the application for the turbine, which had attracted about 200 objections.

Councillor Alan Clarke, mayor of Ellesmere, said: "I am greatly relieved. One of my biggest concerns right from the beginning was that there have been two or three deaths on the main road."

"If the turbine would have been built it would have been a distraction and added to the risk. For that reason alone I am very pleased the plans have been quashed. There would have been no benefits to the community in Ellesmere, only benefits to the people wishing to install it."

The Highways Agency had also expressed concerns that the wind turbine could distract drivers who are driving down the A495.

The application was submitted on behalf of local farming family firm Seven Sisters.

# Sheep rustling alert given to farmers by police chiefs

**FARMERS are being warned to be on guard against sheep rustlers following a spate of thefts.**

Dyfed-Powys Police said the latest problem was focused across Powys, with officers now using Smartwater and automatic number plate readers to detect offenders. It said nine incidents of rustling had been recorded in the county since the start of September.

And West Mercia Police echoed the view, saying thefts of sheep have taken place in the south of the county.

Sergeant Craig Morgan, of Dyfed-Powys Police, said: "Although one of the safest counties in the country, a series of sheep thefts across Powys has led to police increasing their patrols and utilising technologies such as Smartwater and automatic number plate readers to detect offenders."

"All animal movements are regulated and police are working with Trading Standards across Powys to target the movement of animals."

He added: "Since September 2014 there have been nine separate cases of sheep theft, leading to the loss of thousands of pounds worth of stock. We are working closely with Trading Standards across Powys to tackle these thefts."

**By Andrew Morris**

"We are undertaking joint operations and are actively stopping vehicles transporting livestock to ensure they are not stolen and have the appropriate documentation. We need everyone in the county to be vigilant and to report to us anything which they think is suspicious."

Sergeant Adrian Woolley, of West Mercia Police, added: "We are keen to raise awareness of this problem and encourage people in rural areas to report any activity which raises their suspicions."

"Officers are being tasked with stopping vehicles thought to be carrying livestock or game."

"We suspect that the rise in meat prices has fuelled this type of crime and we also suspect that the slaughtering could be happening in residential areas."

Both forces also run a Farmwatch scheme, which reduces rural crime.

## Meat lorry overturns on rural road



The overturned lorry led to a road near Oswestry having to be closed

POLICE were forced to close a road near Oswestry for more than three hours after a lorry carrying more than 14 tonnes of meat overturned.

The vehicle fell into a roadside hedge after it overturned, and fluid and debris fell on to the road.

The route had to be closed to allow a clean-up operation to take place.

The lorry fell on to its side whilst travelling along the Rednal to Hordley road near the village of West Felton.

Police officers were called to the incident and they had to shut the road

while the lorry was unpacked as part of the recovery operation.

No one was injured in the incident.

Officers were called to the scene at about 3.15pm on Wednesday last week near Hawkswood Farm after the vehicle had tipped onto its side.

Ben Smith, force duty inspector at West Mercia Police said: "There were fluids and debris on the road so it did take some time to clean up."

"The local highways agency closed the road and it was reopened as soon as possible."

"This is not something we see too often, we are generally dealing with road traffic collisions, not lorries overturning on their sides."

"But sometimes these can be minor and sometimes they can of course be quite long and drawn out as this one was."

"The cause hasn't been confirmed yet, but only one vehicle was involved," he added.

The vehicle belongs to Judd's storage and distribution firm based in Dorset.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Talks held over railway changes

TALKS have been held over the scrapping of a commuter train service which serves stations including Chirk and Gobowen.

At a meeting this week between Arriva Trains Wales and Aled Roberts AM, the local Assembly Member called for the withdrawal of proposals to cut the 7.47am commuter train service from Wrexham to Birmingham in May next year.

Regular meetings are to be arranged between Arriva Trains Wales and the Liberal Democrat Assembly Member for North Wales which Mr Roberts says will hopefully ensure that local people have plenty of time to make their views known on any proposed changes to timetables next May.

### Artists group launches website

THE Oswestry and District Society of Artists has moved into the digital age, with a new website.

The internet site, [www.oswestryartists.org.uk](http://www.oswestryartists.org.uk) gives details of the society's programme of events throughout the year and also gives individual members the chance to put its work on show on the web.

At the annual meeting of the society continuing president, Christine Brown, praised the work of the committee and also revealed that next year's annual exhibition at Chirk Castle will bring a card payment system in.



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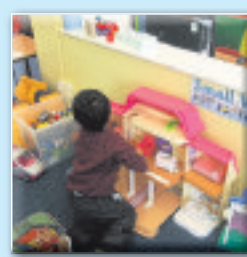
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**NEWS IN BRIEF**

**Florist in running for national award**

A FLORIST has been shortlisted as one of the top five wedding florists in Powys and Ceredigion.

It is the second year running that Poppy's Florist in Welshpool has made the final of the Welsh National Wedding Awards.

Brides and grooms cast their votes for wedding industry businesses who have made their special day dreams come true, with the awards taking place in Swansea on November 23.

Carol Morgan Thomas, from Poppy's, said: "All the staff here will be attending the glamorous event where the award winning businesses will be announced. We keep our fingers crossed until then."

"After a really busy wedding season we hope all our hard work has paid off."

**People urged to support campaign**

PEOPLE in Welshpool are being urged to sign up to a campaign to increase the number of people trained in CPR.

Glyn Davies, Montgomeryshire MP, said he wants people in the area to sign up to the British Heart Foundation's campaign which would see defibrillator skills taught in all secondary schools and community groups.

The charity says the initiative could save around 5,000 additional lives a year in the UK. For more information visit [www.bhf.org.uk/lifesavers](http://www.bhf.org.uk/lifesavers)

# Recycling group expands following firm's purchase

By Andrew Morris

**A WELSHPOOL firm says it is working to build on its reputation as Wales's leading recycling and waste company offering.**

The Potter Group confirmed its position as the biggest privately owned waste management organisation in Wales by purchasing a Pembrokeshire based company.

The Welshpool firm has acquired waste management organisation Resources Management UK (RML) from SITA UK.

RML operates a landfill and materials recycling facility near Haverfordwest in Pembrokeshire and has contracts with local authorities including Pembrokeshire County Council.

Bosses say the move further strengthens Potter's position in Wales following last year's successful bid for a five year contract with Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council to operate and manage household waste and recycling centres.

The company also operates household waste recycling centres at Welshpool, Newtown and Machynlleth on behalf of Powys County Council along with commercial waste transfer stations at Brecon and Welshpool. The new contract will see Potters handling an additional 50,000 tonnes of waste and recycling per annum and protecting the jobs of the 40 staff at the 200 acre site at Rudbaxton.

"We are now Wales' leading recycling and waste company offering integrated solutions in both the local authority and commercial sectors," said Potter Group managing director James Potter.

"The acquisition is a very important step forward for the company enabling us to develop our business in South Wales."

## Festive meal plan reminder

PEOPLE planning a Christmas meal with work colleagues, friends or family, are being reminded by Powys County Council and the Food Standards Agency to look before they book.

The council said it is urging everyone to check pub and restaurant hygiene ratings before making a booking.

The ratings are determined by local authority food safety officers and run from zero to five, with a five rating meaning a very good level of food hygiene.

Councillor John Powell said: "It's easy for people in Powys County Council to check hygiene ratings online and choose a restaurant for their Christmas parties that takes food hygiene seriously. This is an important time for local businesses. A good food hygiene rating is something to be proud of, and it matters to consumers."

## Ryan gunning for town hall



Mason Ryan in action

A FORMER WWE superstar says wrestling in front of his fellow countrymen again will be a "dream come true."

Mason Ryan will be wrestling at Welshpool Town Hall.

Ryan has re-signed for Welsh Wrestling and will be wrestling in Welshpool tomorrow, (Friday).

The show, which will start at 7.30pm, will see the former star of Monday Night Raw and Smackdown take on a mystery opponent.

Ryan, who is also a former Gladiator and appeared at Royal Rumble and Survivor Series events, said: "I'm looking forward to wrestling in Welshpool again, it's been six years since I've wrestled at the town hall and since then I've wrestled all over the world with the WWE, but wrestling in front of my home nation is always a very special moment to me."

Doors open at 7pm and the show will also be raising money for the Kidscape anti-bullying charity.

## Funding boost is given to NHS body

THE cash-strapped health board which covers the Welshpool area has been given a £350,000 funding boost to deliver health care and staff training.

Powys teaching Local Health Board has been given three grants from the Welsh Assembly in a bid to improve its services.

The Assembly has given £180,399 which will be used to fund improved care services for patients in Mid Wales. It has also been given £153,199 to provide education and training for staff and £27,200 to provide an extra 200 post-op cataract appointments.

Earlier this year it was revealed that the health board overspent by almost £20 million in the year to April 2014.

Health Minister Mark Drakeford said the money was part of a £3.5 million package for health boards across Wales. Mr Drakeford said: "Providing eye care services closer to people's homes, preventing premature deaths from cardiovascular disease, developing the skills of the primary care providers and reducing health inequalities through community action in our most deprived communities are to benefit from the funding."

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**Shropshire STAR**





Jules Hudson, presenter of *Escape to the Country*, took a look around all the attractions at the British Ironwork Centre's base



British Ironwork Centre's Clive Knowles welcomed Jules Hudson and watched as the TV presenter donated a knife to the company's anti-crime campaign

# TV crew visits firm

A FILM crew from BBC daytime show *Escape to the Country* visited an Oswestry firm to film for its latest series.

The show, hosted by Jules Hudson, helps prospective buyers find their perfect country home.

Part of the filming took place at the British Ironwork Centre at Aston.

Its chairman, Clive Knowles, and his family themselves relocated from the Black Country to Shropshire 12 years ago.

Mr Knowles said: "We were incredibly excited

By Pam Kingsley

to be approached by the BBC, and hope that we have done everything we can to promote Shropshire and everything that our beautiful county has to offer.

"It has been a fabulous day of filming with Jules and the very professional crew - we're really looking forward to seeing the final result."

The centre will feature as one of the jewels in Shropshire's crown, and will showcase its many attractions including the 90-acre Shropshire Sculpture Park, the traditional skills of its tal-

ented sculptors, blacksmiths and silversmiths and report on some of its high-profile work including the Great British Spoon appeal and the current Save a Life, Surrender Your Knife campaign.

Mr Knowles said the national anti-knife crime campaign proved to be of particular interest to the film crew.

"Jules contributed to the campaign by welding a surrendered knife to the Guardian Angel sculpture we are producing," he said.

The sculpture will act as a national memorial to victims of knife crime following the culmination of the project.

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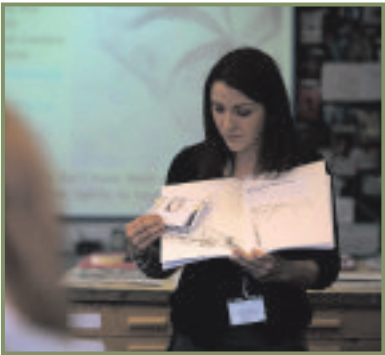
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# 12 Body wins contract to provide services

A PARTNERSHIP of seven Shropshire-based organisations has won the Shropshire Council contract for information, advice and advocacy services for adults.

The organisations – A4U, Age UK Shropshire Telford & Wrekin, Citizens Advice Shropshire, MAYSI, Peer Counselling and Advocacy Service, OSCA and Taking Part – already have a good track record in helping people to remain independent by making sure they have a choice, council bosses say.

All of the organisations had previously been delivering these services through contracts and grant funding in Shropshire.

The five-year contract started last month and is worth £1.6 million for the first three years.

Shropshire Councillor Lee Chapman said: “We are delighted that the Community Advice & Advocacy Network (CAAN) partnership has brought together the specialist areas of work of a number of highly respected and trusted local information, advice and advocacy organisations.

“The flexibility of approach being taken by CAAN will mean that people will have access to information, advice and advocacy in a number of different ways and in many different locations.”

“This work will support the council in meeting its duties under the new Care Act which comes into force in April 2015,” Councillor Chapman added.

All CAAN partners have previously worked together through the Shropshire Partnership for Advice and Advocacy (SPAA) – a two year project which was funded by the Big Lottery’s Advice Services Transition Fund.

## Estate plans look set to be approved

PLANS for 50 new homes within the grounds of a historic Oswestry estate are being recommended for approval.

Brogntyn, the ancestral home of the Harlech Family, has lain unused for decades and is on the English Heritage ‘at risk’ register.

Developers want to build a 50-home development within the 93 acre grounds, convert buildings at Home Farm on the parkland into 11 homes and to restore the Grade II listed hall into a family home. The latter move would include the demolition of one wing of the building.

Objectors say that the proposals would see the loss of a third of the hall, would create a new village inside the parkland and would cause traffic problems on the B4580.

But a report from planning officers to Tuesday’s planning meeting of Shropshire Council says that the new homes are necessary to fund the restoration of Brogntyn Hall.

## Talk on excavation

THE next meeting of the Oswestry & Border History & Archaeology Group will be held tomorrow (Friday) when Fiona Gale, county archaeologist with Denbighshire County Council, will speak on recent excavations in north-east Wales.

As well as leading the Heather & Hill Forts project she was recently involved in a programme of surveying, conservation and outreach at Tomen y Rhodwydd, near Llanegla.

The meeting will be held in Oswestry Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

# Enthusiasts from a wide area flock to bird event



Society member Dave Evans with one of the birds

BIRD enthusiasts flocked to an annual event which brought their feather friends of all shapes and sizes together.

About 300 birds went on display at the annual Ellesmere and District Cage Bird Society Show.

The event, which featured domestic, foreign and exotic birds and is one of the biggest in the area, took place in Ellesmere Town Hall.

Enthusiasts from across Shropshire, Mid Wales and as far as Rhyl and the Wirral, entered the competition.

The enthusiasts were able to enter a wide variety of birds such as canaries, budgies and parrots to win titles in a range of classes.

Six trophies were handed out to the winners by national bird artist Eric Peake.

Marian Ralph, member of the Ellesmere and District Cage Bird Society, said she was delighted with the turnout and hailed Saturday’s event a success.

She said: “The event was brilliant.”

“We had 239 birds last year and this year we had 302.

“We also had one or two new people which is always nice to see.”

“We had quite a few members of the public who had a look around. There are always refreshments such as tea and coffee on offer.

“Only two people from Ellesmere,

including ourselves, display birds. But we have people from all over.”

Mrs Ralph added: “The society has been going about 100 years.

“The event was disbanded just after the war but started again in 1967.

“We have currently got seven birds and they are all foreign.

“They include parrots and love birds.

“We try and show most of them at the event.”

Ellesmere and District Cage Bird Society meets on the last Monday of the month at 8pm in Ellesmere Comrades Club.

For more details about the society call (01691) 623544.

# Hundreds of trees will be planted at new woodland

By Pam Kingsley

**MORE than 400 trees are set to be planted by members of the community in a village near Oswestry.**

The mass tree planting will take place in Knockin Heath from tomorrow (Friday) to Sunday.

Members of Kinnerley Parish Environment Group will be planting their new saplings as part of an event to commemorate the end of World War One and provide an area of woodland for generations to come. Other people from the local area are also being invited to come along to either help with the planting, or simply support those taking part on the day.

## Funeral date set for park death man

THE funeral of a 20-year-old man who died after attending a Halloween party at a skate park near Oswestry will be held next week.

Matthew Jones, of Johnstown, Wrexham, died in the early hours of November 1 after he was taken to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital when he fell ill. He had gone to the party with friends to celebrate his birthday attending a Halloween party at the Academy Skate Park at Rednal Industrial Estate near Oswestry.

His funeral will be held on Wednesday at St Mary’s Church in Johnstown at 11am.

Paying tribute to their son his family have said they want the funeral to be a celebration of his life.

Mr Jones, who was known as Matty, went to Ysgol Grango, and was an apprentice plumber. He worked for the Holt Lodge Hotel in Wrexham. He was a talented footballer who played for Rhos Aelwyd Football Club.

His parents, Geoff and Andrea Jones, have thanked the number of people who have paid their respects to their son.

In a tribute Mrs Jones said her son was a happy lad, always smiling.

“That is how we will remember him. We could never shout at him because he just used to laugh at us and we would end up just laughing with him.

“The house is just so quiet without him. We are going to miss him so much.”

Donations in lieu of flowers will be given to Rhos Aelwyd FC in memory of Mr Jones. At its game following his death members of the club held a minute’s applause in his memory.

An investigation was launched by West Mercia Police following Mr Jones’ death.

A 38-year-old man from Oswestry was arrested on suspicion of manslaughter and supplying class A drugs.

The man has since been released on bail pending further inquiries.

## Youth work is recognised



Mark Adams from Oswestry with his award

## Care award presented to former soldier Mark

A FORMER soldier from Oswestry who drove a tank through two bloody war zones has won a major award for his work as a front line carer for young people.

Mark Adams, 36, spent five years serving with the British Army before joining the staff at the Branas Isaf care centre in Llandrillo, near Corwen, 12 years ago.

During his time in the service he drove Chieftain battle tanks in Bosnia and Kosovo in the 1990s.

He now helps to turn around the lives of teenagers with extreme behavioural difficulties, which he says can sometimes be difficult but still very rewarding.

He won the Care Forum Wales award for promoting excellence in services for children for the motivated and supportive way he handles his role as a team leader at Branas Isaf.

Care Forum Wales is a not-for-profit organisation set up in 1993 to give independent care providers a single professional

voice with which to speak on providing better quality care for those who need it most.

He was presented with the award at a ceremony in City Hall, Cardiff.

“Going up the accept the award was quite daunting but it’s fantastic to be recognised for all the work I’ve put in over the years. The award is also very welcome recognition for the whole team at Branas Isaf,” he said.

“I was at the presentation evening with some of my senior managers and my wife Julie who gives me strong support back at home for the work I do.”

Mark lives with his wife Julie and their two young sons Marcus, five, and one-year-old Maximus in Oswestry.

He said: “I spent five years with the Royal Engineers based in Germany. I served in various parts of the world and eventually became an armoured engineer which meant I drove Chieftain tanks carrying bridging equipment into action as part of a battle group.”

# Telephone coverage action is supported

A LEADING Oswestry area councillor has welcomed moves which could see mobile phone companies forced by law to end the problem of signal blackspots.

Government ministers, fed up with the failure of the main UK networks to provide proper coverage, say they are prepared to act.

Culture Secretary Sajid Javid said he is considering new legislation that would require providers to introduce network “roaming” across Britain.

This would allow customers to switch networks when they have no signal from their usual provider. Trefonen-based Shropshire Council leader Keith Barrow hailed the development as an important step in the right direction. But he said it was essential people “keep the pressure on” the mobile phone companies.

Cllr Barrow said: “I am aware of this kind of law and you see it in places on the continent where if you can’t get a signal you automatically log into the best signal. I am delighted Mr Javid has seen that this is what is required.”

Cllr Barrow has backed a petition organised by the Oswestry and Border Chronicle’s sister paper The Shropshire Star calling for coverage improvements. He said: “I am confident we have contributed at least a little bit with the pressure that we put on.”

The Get Us Connected Campaign was online, through forms in the Shropshire Star and on-paper at libraries. Mr Barrow said: “From the very beginning of the campaign the telephone communication companies started to listen and they had not been listening to their customers before that.”

## Police using new powers on driving

MORE than 150 new on-the-spot driving fines have been handed out by West Mercia Police in 12 months.

The force handed out 159 of the £100 fines - which also come with three penalty points - for offences such as tailgating, failing to give way at a junction, overtaking and pushing into a traffic queue, being in the wrong lane and pushing into a queue on a roundabout.

It also included lane hogging, speeding, carrying out wheel-spins, handbrake turns and other careless manoeuvres.

Officers issued the fines between July 2013 and August this year. Their counterparts in the West Midlands handed out 310 and Staffordshire Police issued none at all.

## Goalkeeper at lights event

FORMER Wales goalkeeper Dai Davies will be the guest of honour at the switching -on of Oswestry’s Tree of Light.

Mr Davies will switch on the tree outside the town’s Sainsbury’s store on November 29.

Officials at Oswestry Rotary Club, who are responsible for the Tree of Light, said they were delighted that Mr Davies had agreed to get involved.

The tree allows people to make a donation in memory of a loved one.



## Concerns voiced on linking of counties

THEY are two proud counties with their own traditions, industrial heritage and economic challenges.

But as far as administrators in Europe are concerned, Shropshire and Stafford are apparently one and the same.

The European Union has linked the two counties together as part of a statistical analysis named the Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics – or ‘Nuts’ as it has been nicknamed by its critics.

The EU breaks up regions when putting together figures or carrying out analysis. It is not known how the decision to effectively merge Shropshire and Staffordshire could affect the counties in future decisions by the EU on issues like funding.

But, strangely, while the two counties are joined up, the part of Shropshire that takes in Telford & Wrekin is not included in the EU area. And counties like Herefordshire also maintain their own identity.

Ukip West Midlands MEP Jill Seymour says she is suspicious of the motives of the EU, saying the decision to “lump” the counties together seems “bizarre”.

She said: “We aren’t quite sure if this will affect the counties themselves, but I am quite concerned about how the EU sees us.”

“The two counties are very different when it comes to farming and industry and all of those sorts of things.”

“It says it hopes to break statistics down by country region and county.”

“But it is an odd thing to do to Shropshire and Staffordshire and not other counties – some have been grouped and some have not.”

“The question I am asking is why?”

## Ramblers heading for Ridgeway

WELSHPOOL Ramblers will be heading on a moderate seven and a half mile walk featuring the Kerry Ridgeway on Sunday.

The group will meet at 10.15am at the Community Centre, Kerry, near Newtown or at 9.30am in the upper part of Church Street car park, Welshpool, where shared transport will be available.

All are welcome, but no dogs are allowed. For more information, call (01938) 590307.

Another walk has been organised for December 14 in place of the November 30 walk, which has been cancelled. Further details will be released closer to the day.

On November 2, Heather Smith led a group of eight Welshpool ramblers on a circular walk from Dolanog.

## Scheme will get funding

A MONTGOMERY wildlife scheme to restore habitat in the Cambrian Mountains is to get a share of a £3 million Nature Fund.

The Peatland Push Scheme, which will manage a 24 hectare smallholding within the mountain range and encourage smallholders to get the most from their land, is to get a grant of £59,000.

Nine projects across mid and west Wales to tackle declining biodiversity and to benefit communities will get £1,744,500 of the money.

# Hundreds give backing to festive shoebox appeal

HUNDREDS of shoeboxes filled with gifts will be sent from Oswestry to Eastern Europe this winter thanks to the generosity of the town’s children and Rotary club.

Oswestry Borderland Rotary Club supplies specially made boxes to schools in the area for the pupils to fill with gifts.

The donated gifts supplied through the Christmas scheme are suitable for teenagers, babies, elderly people and youngsters of their own age.

The boxes are sent to a warehouse ready for distribution across Eastern Europe.

And organisers say hopefully all the gifts will arrive in time to put a smile on hundreds of people’s faces this

Christmas. Last year more than 300 boxes were sent to countries in Eastern Europe.

Countries such as Moldova, Ukraine and the Czech Republic benefited from the scheme.

They were distributed to orphanages, hospitals, disabled children and needy people, organisers have said.

Schools from throughout the Oswestry area have been involved in the project.

This year, two senior schools – Adcote and Oswestry – and three primary schools – Whittington, Meadows and Holy Trinity – will contribute more than 200 boxes.

Gary Wright, headteacher of Adcote School in Little Ness, said more than

60 boxes were filled with toys, toiletries, educational items, household goods and other gifts. The children also included messages and pictures among the presents, and decorated the boxes to make each one individual.

He said: “We were delighted with the response. I would like to thank Adcote families for their generosity and support.”

“The annual shoebox appeal helps our pupils understand the Christian philosophy of helping others and the need to help those less fortunate.”

“The school has a very active Rotary Interact Club with over 60 members, run in conjunction with Oswestry Borderlands Rotary Club which meets at Sweeney Hall, near Oswestry.”



Whittington School pupils have backed the scheme

# Opt out claims are denied by county’s health bosses

Report by Rebecca King

**HEALTH officials responsible for funding ambulances operating around Shropshire will not be opting out of national target response times.**

Leaders at Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) have denied claims they will be dropping national targets set for ambulances around the region, despite claims to the contrary from campaign group Shropshire Defend Our NHS.

The CCG decides how funding for healthcare in the area is distributed, including urgent and emergency care – which covers ambulances.

Julie Davies, director of Shropshire CCG, said: “I want to make it absolutely clear there is no truth in claims that Shropshire CCG wish to opt out of national ambulance response targets.”

“This has never been the position of Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group or West Midlands Ambulance Service (WMAS) and it is a complete misrepresentation of our joint plans for ambulance services in the county.”

“National targets are rarely met in rural counties across England. The challenges of rurality make meeting these targets far more challenging than in urban areas.”

“But it is inaccurate to say that the CCG response is to opt out. The CCG wants to continuously improve ambulance performance, and WMAS and the CCG are working closely at a local level to achieve this – including working together towards getting an uplift in rural funding.”

“On October 24, the CCG presented a report to Shropshire Council along with WMAS on how we are working towards this.”

The report compiled by Ms Davies revealed Shropshire’s current performance and what would be needed to meet national targets.

For 2014/15 to date, WMAS is responding to 60.9 per cent of the most serious calls within eight minutes, below national targets of 75 per cent.

But it also said that figures could increase to 69 per cent by the middle of next year under current resources. To meet the national targets, the report said WMAS would need another 510 ambulance and rapid response vehicle staff.

## Show time

A CHARITY fashion show will be held in Kinnerley to raise money for the village school.

The Oswestry store M&Co will be putting its latest fashions on the catwalk during the evening on Tuesday. The fundraiser will be held at Kinnerley Village Hall at 7.30pm.

## Weight limit proposed at road bridge

A NEW weight limit and a ban on drivers turning right at a bridge in Llanymynech could be imposed in the future.

Powys County Council was due to discuss the plans for New Bridge at a meeting yesterday. (Wednesday)

The council said under the plans drivers will be banned from turning right from the B4393 onto the B398 in a bid to reduce the risk of accidents.

Chris Lloyd, the council’s traffic engineer for the north of the county, said: “A decision was made in September that formal consultation and advertisement be undertaken to introduce traffic orders to impose a 7.5t structural weight limit over the length of the bridge and a prohibition of right turn movements; and if no substantive objections are received, the orders shall be made.”

The proposed traffic order was duly advertised and a single objection has been received with the statutory consultation period.

“The points by the objector have been carefully considered by the highways engineers.”

The objector suggests that a proposed right turn ban is unnecessary because there were no accidents within a two week period during the summer months when the temporary three way temporary three way traffic lights had been vandalised.

“While it is the case that there were no reported injury accidents during the short period when the lights were out of action, it is impossible to know how many unreported accidents, near misses and conflicts occurred during that time.”

Mr Lloyd said the weight limit is being brought in because of a structural issue with the bridge and a permanent solution is being researched.

Councillors were due to discuss the issue at a meeting of the Montgomeryshire Committee in Neaudd Maldwyn, Welshpool, yesterday.

## Railway station property up for sale

IT’S the childhood dream of train enthusiasts across the land – and now railway buffs are being offered the chance to become the owner of a station master’s house.

The house, which was once used as a busy office by a countryside group, sits next to the main platform at a station which dates back to the 1890s and is still in use today.

Agents selling the former station master’s house at Caersws railway station in Mid Wales say the building could be used as a home or run as a business.

Paul Evans, a partner at Morris, Marshall and Poole, which is marketing the house, said: “The property is in a very good state having been renovated by the current owner. He had intended to operate a bunkhouse and cafe at the site, but circumstances have changed and he has decided to sell it.”

“It provides an opportunity for someone who might want to run a business from the site – it was once a regional office for a national countryside organisation.”

“The area has a strong tourism sector and the opportunity to provide a bunkhouse and cafe at the site is a good one – the house has five bedrooms – but it could be used for other business purposes.”

“But it could be converted back to a home as it was when the station master lived there, subject to planning approval.”

The station was built in the 1890s, although Caersws was already home to a terminus linking the railway to the Van Railway between 1871 and 1940, which spurred off to the Van lead mine. Now a Grade II-listed property, the station master’s house is on the market for £125,000.

## Care firm hopes to take on day centre

A CARE company says it wants to take on the running of a day centre for the elderly in Mid Wales to help the strain on a cash strapped council.

Powys County Council wants to hand over the running of its seven day centres to other organisations. Now Abacare, which was handed a contract to provide domiciliary care in the county earlier this year, said it is in talks to take over the Newtown day centre in Park Lane.

It said it would work with local volunteers and businesses – and county councillor Joy Jones – in a bid to get an enterprise up and running to take it on.

Peter Angelides, managing director of Abacare, said: “The day centre will be set up to run self-sufficiently and we would make as much use of it as possible.”

“At the moment it is used between 9am and 4pm in the week and we would then want to hire it out to local groups and organisations in evenings and weekends to make sure it paid its way.”

## Story comes to life

TANAT Junior Theatre is bringing to life Hans Christian Andersen’s story The Snow Queen.

The play will be performed at the Green School Theatre in Llanrhaeadr ym Mochnant, on tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday and on November 28 and 29. Evening performances start at 7.30pm and there are matinee performances each Saturday at 2.30pm.

Tickets are £5 for adults and £2.50 for children, available from the newsagent, Post Office and Greatorex Stores in Llanrhaeadr, and Upstairs Downstairs, Oswestry.

## Community welcomes move



Scaffolding has been put up at Mark Bridger’s former home, ahead of its demolition

## Murderer’s home is set to be demolished at last

THE Mid Wales house where Mark Bridger is believed to have killed five-year-old April Jones is being prepared for demolition.

Workmen have begun putting scaffolding up around Mount Pleasant in Ceinws, near Machynlleth, in preparation to knock it down. The building will be flattened, as part of attempts to remove the site’s link to the murder.

Workmen have been on the site, removing fixtures and fittings from inside the building. Killer Bridger rented the home from a private landlord and the Welsh Assembly bought the property from the owner for £149,000 earlier this year.

Coral Jones, April’s mother, had requested that the house be demolished to help her family move on with their lives.

It is also seen as an essential step for the traumatised town of Machynlleth, which has become associated nationally with the events of October 2012. Mrs Jones said: “I hope that house will be knocked down. The

house from hell will no longer stand. April’s spirit can be free.”

Bridger abducted April from outside her home in Bryn y Gog, Machynlleth on October 1, 2012, before driving her to his home where it is believed he dismembered her body. Bridger, who was given a whole life term after being found guilty of April’s murder at Mold Crown Court last year, claimed he ran April over and forgot where he put her body in the panic.

But detectives found traces of April’s blood at Mount Pleasant and fragments of bone, consisted with that of a human skull, in his fire place.

Michael Williams, the town’s county councillor, said he was relieved the work had begun. He said: “I am pleased that the work to knock down this house has begun at last and I want to thank the Welsh Assembly on behalf of everyone in Machynlleth and the Dyfi Valley for buying the house and progressing with this plan.”





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## Head for pharmacy for free flu help

RESIDENTS in at-risk groups are now able to get their free NHS flu jab in pharmacies for the first time.

GPs currently offer free seasonal flu vaccinations to pregnant women, people aged 65 years and over and those with certain long-term conditions like diabetes, asthma or heart or lung problems.

Now, in addition to GP clinics, people in Shropshire in these at-risk groups will also be able to get the vaccination for free in local pharmacies at a time and place to suit them.

The new way of offering NHS flu vaccinations is part of a scheme being run by NHS England in Shropshire and Staffordshire.

Flu is not like a bad cold, it affects the whole body. It can make existing conditions worse and can also increase the risk of developing more serious illnesses, such as bronchitis and pneumonia.

People offered the free flu vaccination need to have it every year to ensure that they are protected against flu's effects.

Many pharmacies already offer flu and travel vaccinations to customers for a fee, and so are experienced and fully trained in providing this service. Now many pharmacies will also be providing flu vaccinations to people eligible to get them free on the NHS.

# Campaigners vow to wait for final drilling decision

**ANTI-DRILLING** protestors have said they will stay at a camp they have set up near a proposed gas drilling site until the plans are defeated.

The campaigners – who have set up a mini-fort dubbed “Castle Dudleston” – said they had been left in limbo over a decision on whether to allow Dart Energy to carry out exploratory drilling for coal bed methane at Brooklands Farm in Dudleston Heath, near Ellesmere.

But despite spending the past few months on the camp waiting for a decision, the protestors said they were undeterred by the latest delay and would continue to make a stand against the plans.

Despite members of Shropshire Council's north planning committee being opposed to the plans, no decision was made at a meeting last month as planning officers said the legal ramifications of refusing the bid would have to be considered. A final ruling is expected in the near future.

One of the campaigners, known only as Freeborn Dan, said he and others who have been living on the site were waiting to see what Shropshire Council's final decision was.

“We were originally told that the planning application had been thrown out

## Report by Sue Austin

there and then and it was only when we were able to get access to the internet that we could see that the final decision had been put back, which is disappointing,” he said.

“When the final decision is made we are all expecting Dart Energy to appeal. If the appeal is heard quite quickly – in the next few weeks – then we will stay put. However if it is going to be a long, drawn out legal process, say over 12 months, then we may well ‘break camp’ to let the ground recover.”

A Dart Energy spokesman said: “The council planning officer and solicitor were firmly of the view that the application be allowed, however the elected members disagreed. As a result council procedures require a further planning committee meeting before a formal decision is taken. That meeting has not yet been scheduled.”



Campaigners have been living at a fort called ‘Dudleston Castle’ which has been established near the site of a proposed gas drilling scheme at Dudleston Heath near Ellesmere

## Towns prepare for festive season

FINAL preparations are being made for the switching on of the Christmas lights in towns across the area.

Thousands of people are expected to flock to the events which will see town turned into winter wonderlands. In Oswestry, the Christmas lights switch-on will be held on November 20 with singing from local school choirs and street performers.

The switching on of the lights is seen by many as the traditional start of the festive season.

Welshpool's lights will be lit up on December 5 and town bosses are promising a whole host of festive events. In Ellesmere, the lights will be switched on at the town's Winter Festival on November 28.

## Jazz fans invited to performance

JAZZ fans from Oswestry and Welshpool are being invited to the next Shrewsbury Jazz Network presentation.

The Tommaso Starace Quartet will present “Italian Short Stories” at The Hive, Belmont in Shrewsbury on November 22 at 8pm.

Tickets cost £12, or £10 for members and £6 for under 16s.

The Tommaso Starace Quartet includes an international line up.

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# Plans ready for great Christmas festivities



Welshpool's Broad Street will once again be full of festive flavour this year

**PREPARATIONS are well under way for Christmas celebrations in Welshpool, with a weekend of festive fun set to kick-start the festive season.**

The events will start on Friday, December 5, with the Christmas Lights switch-on and fancy dress parade.

Robert Robinson, town clerk, said: "There will be fancy dress in three categories to be judged at the Tour-

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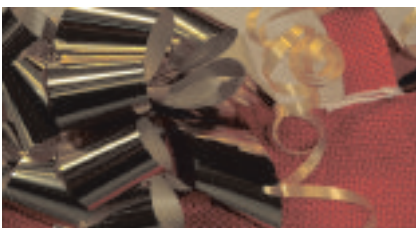
ist Information Centre at 6.30pm. At 6.40pm the parade, which will include Newtown Youth Marching Band and the fancy dress competitors, will walk from the TIC to the town hall, ready for Father Christmas to address the crowds at 7pm."

The switch-on will then be followed by live seasonal music from Four Tisimo, a brass quartet, while Father Christmas will move into his grotto at

the indoor market at 7.15pm, which is free of charge. There will also be street stalls with hot doughnuts and games, while a community table top sale will be held at the Corn Exchange.

Mr Robinson said the following day, the town will be transformed into a winter wonderland for its annual Winter Festival.

He said: "The annual winter festival will take place from 10am till 4pm with many stalls in the main street and in the town hall, street entertainment and more during the day."



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## Fire service's website hacked

SHROPSHIRE Fire and Rescue Service has assured the public that its operations were not affected by a group that took over its website.

Police are investigating after the website was hacked by a group claiming to be the 'Voice of Palestine'.

The service's site, which provides information on incidents as well as giving fire safety advice, was taken offline on Saturday morning after a group calling itself AnonGhost put up a message telling governments of the world "we are watching you".

The hacking did not affect the service's ability to respond to emergencies, a spokesman said.

## Rescue group to stage annual event

SHROPSHIRE and Borders Greyhound Rescue will hold a major event this weekend.

The group will stage its annual meet and greet fundraising and awareness event.

The event will be held on Saturday at the Memorial Hall in Oswestry.

Organisers say there will be seasonal merchandise and home made items for sale, refreshments and a tombola at the event, which will run between 10am and 2pm.

There will also be details of dogs looking for homes and the chance to meet greyhounds.

Dogs and their owners are welcome to attend the annual event.

# Play about town's famous war poet to be performed

**PEOPLE in Oswestry interested in the story of the town's famous war poet Wilfred Owen have a chance to learn more about him at the performance of a new play.**

The Forester's House, a play about Owen's last day, is being performed by members of the Llanyrnnech Amateur Dramatics Society.

It is being performed at Llanyrnnech Village Hall tonight (Thursday), tomorrow and on Saturday.

Tickets for the performances can be booked by visiting [www.ladsonline.co.uk](http://www.ladsonline.co.uk)

The play had its premiere last week at Oswestry Cricket Club and among the cast are Bob McGrath, Dickon Faux-Nightingale, Neil Morley and Shaun Higgins who plays Wilfred Owen.

The first performance of the play coincided with the launch of a new Wilfred Owen Trail.

The trail, which explains about Owen's life in the town, was launched after local historians and school children came together to work on the project.

John Waine, one of the historians involved, said the trail came about thanks to funding of £10,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund's First World War: Then and Now programme.

Mr Waine said he was delighted the trail had been produced because it would

show visitors and local people the memorable places in Oswestry that Wilfred Owen would have known.

He said: "Many corners of Oswestry that we see today would have been familiar to them and this commemoration of his early years in Oswestry will take people through the town highlighting places that would have been familiar to him and his family until they left in 1897.

"The legacy of Wilfred Owen's poetry must never be overlooked and I didn't feel that we celebrated him enough in Oswestry.

"Writing the trail and seeing it being transformed into a guided tour will, I'm sure, bring Wilfred Owen home to Oswestry as our most important son."

Wilfred Owen was born and spent his early childhood at Plas Wilmot in Oswestry.

He was killed in action on November 4, 1918.

By Andrew Morris



Bob McGrath, Dickon Faux-Nightingale, Neil Morley and Shaun Higgins appear in the play

## Sculpture will mark work of care unit

A SCULPTURE being made to remember a children's cancer unit at one of Shropshire's main hospitals is to be unveiled.

The artwork of a girl and a boy holding hands with a rainbow-coloured umbrella will be revealed to the public at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital on Saturday.

It will be dedicated to the hospital's former Rainbow Unit, which cared for children's cancer and haematology patients but closed when the services moved over to the new Shropshire Women and Children's Centre at the Princess Royal Hospital in Telford in September.

Patients, families and staff have been invited to a ceremony for the unveiling of the sculpture, which it is hoped will serve as a lasting physical legacy to remember and celebrate the former unit. It has been designed by the Rainbow Legacy Task Group, which includes patients, families and staff.

Peter Herring, chief executive of Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust, said: "I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in this project and it is great to see it come to fruition. We are keen to invite anyone who is connected with the Rainbow Unit, whether you were a patient, a friend or relative of a patient or a member of staff, to attend this special event."

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People of all ages attended the Remembrance Sunday parade in Oswestry



Oswestry Mayor John Gareth Jones with Mayoress Tegwen Jones



Various organisations attended the Oswestry Remembrance parade



Royal Artillery Bombardier Frank Morris lays a wreath at the Memorial Gates in Oswestry



The Remembrance Sunday parade through Oswestry was well attended



Jerome Chave pays his respects at the Field of Remembrance in Welshpool



Field of Remembrance event at St Mary's Church in Welshpool



Residents attended the Field of Remembrance event in Welshpool

# Hundreds pay respect

**PEOPLE** in Oswestry, Welshpool and the surrounding villages have remembered the country's war fallen through a series of services, processions and Remembrance Sunday events.

Hundreds of people attended events on Sunday to pay their respects while two minute silences were also held on Tuesday to mark the annual silence on November 11.

Oswestry held its annual parade on Sunday through the town to the memorial gates at Cae

**By James Pugh**

Glas Park, where a two-minute silence was observed.

The parade then moved to St Oswald's Church for a service of remembrance.

David Cooper, Poppy Appeal organiser for the Oswestry branch of the Royal British Legion, said: "It was a good turnout, it was absolutely packed. I don't think I have ever seen the place so packed."

"It was a fine autumn day and obviously there has been a lot in the press about the 100th commemoration of the First World War

this year. It was really heartening." David Preston, clerk to Oswestry Town Council, said this year had been the largest parade in many years.

He said: "The church was packed to overflowing and there were hundreds lining the route. Oswestry most certainly will remember them and as a community we came together."

He said that the morning also witnessed the rededication of Oswestry's war memorial, the pillars of the gates of Cae Glas Park.

"It was a truly moving morning," he added. A two-minute silence was also held on Tuesday at the memorial.

Events were due to continue today (Thursday)

when a Remembrance Row of 100 saplings was due to be unveiled at the British Ironworks Centre, just outside Oswestry.

The saplings have been planted by local children and volunteers from the Royal British Legion.

At Whittington Parish Church, 90-year-old Mr Eric Barclay laid the wreath at the Remembrance Sunday event.

The congregation heard that Mr Barclay had been a rear gunner in a Lancaster.

In Welshpool, there was a service at the Garden of Remembrance in Howell Drive on Friday and a festival of remembrance at the town hall's assembly room.

A remembrance parade went through the town on Sunday starting at Park Lane, followed by a church service at St Mary's Church.

A church service remembering those who died while serving their country was held last week as part of the town's remembrance events. Reverend Steve Willson held the Field of Remembrance service in the church gardens at St Mary's Church in the town, which was attended by members of the public, members of the Royal British Legion and town councillors.

A Royal British Legion coffee morning was held at the town hall's Corn Exchange on Tuesday, which included a two minute silence outside the town hall at 11am.



20 **Offices in Nigeria will help youngsters**

A BOARDING school near Oswestry is hoping to bring some African culture to Shropshire by opening an office in Nigeria.

Adcote School has officially opened its new international office in central Lagos.

The new office has been opened in a bid by school bosses to help Nigerian pupils to join the school.

Earlier this year, the school, in Little Ness, between Oswestry and Shrewsbury opened its first international office in Beijing in China.

Headmaster Gary Wright said the new offices are part of a multi-million pound project of modernisation and investment in the school this year.

He said the investment will not only improve facilities at Adcote School but also create jobs for the local area. Mr Wright said: "The investment the school has received is transforming the school site, is creating local jobs – with 23 created so far this year, and helps promote the town of Shrewsbury around the world.

"Over the last few years, Adcote has developed, both locally and globally, a reputation as a school with consistently high standards and high achievements.

"One of the priorities at the new office is to try to make an Adcote education as accessible as possible for Nigerian pupils and to assist in this decision making process."

Work is already under way to increase the school's boarding facilities by 180 beds and to build a new sports hall, classrooms and dining areas.

The school now has nearly 300 pupils on roll, almost treble the number of pupils from five years ago.

**Meeting to discuss bed block issue**

A CRISIS meeting is to be held between hospital bosses and NHS officials in an effort to solve Shropshire's problem with 'bed-blocking'.

Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and Telford's Princess Royal are demanding more resources to be made available to ensure patients are given the treatment they need.

It has been revealed that bed blocking – where patients are fit to be discharged but not well enough to return home and there is nowhere else to send them – has reached record levels at both hospitals.

It raises the prospect of operations being cancelled because there are no free beds.

And hospital losses are concerned that the situation could become more acute with the onset of winter.

Hospital bosses are now to meet with the management of Shropshire and Telford Clinical Commissioning Groups to discuss possible ways of solving the problem.

**Fundraiser at club**

THE New Ironworks in Church Street, Oswestry will host a charity concert on Saturday.

The fundraiser is in aid of the Alzheimer's Society and Macmillan Cancer Support.

Local band Fourpith will entertain from 8pm with a selection of music crossing the decades.

Prizes will be on offer throughout the evening, as well as a buffet and dancing.

Tickets cost £8. They are available by calling 07764 503486 or 07732 648834.

**Ghost hunters to carry out investigations at hall**



Montgomery Town Hall

A 300-year-old town hall will come under investigation by a team of ghost hunters.

Montgomery Town Hall, near Welshpool, will be the centre of a paranormal investigation by a team which says the town is believed to be a "haunted location".

Television medium Stuart Dawson and his Simply Ghost Nights team will hold the event between 9pm and 2am on Friday next week.

Mr Dawson said the town's history with Montgomery Castle means it could be haunted.

He said: "There's little doubt that public interest in all things spooky is at an all time high, never since Victorian times have so many people been involved in investigating the dark side.

"There have been a number of very successful TV programmes running for several years both here in the UK and in the USA. This has led to this increase in popularity of this fascinating subject. There are numerous historically famous haunted properties around the country.

"We will be taking part in séances, ouija board and table tipping experiments and also using the latest electrical ghost hunting equipment as we delve in to the past of what is believed to be such a haunted location as it is right in the heart of so much hostility and historic battles over the centuries."

The original Town Hall, sometimes referred to as the Guildhall, was sited in the centre of Broad Street and is clearly shown in the small town plan in John Speed's 1610 map of Montgomeryshire.

This would have been a half-timbered building with an open lower storey similar to that still standing in Llanidloes. In 1748, the much needed new town hall was designed and built at the west end of Broad Street by William Baker from Audlem in Cheshire.

There are a few places available for the ghost hunt but numbers are strictly limited. Tickets cost £29 and include refreshments. For more information, call 0843 2891215.

**Unusual events are noted in book about village life**

By Pam Kingsley

**TWO earthquakes, a killer volcano and the death of a highwayman are just some of the unexpected events featured in the history of a village near Oswestry.**

The new history of Whittington tells the story not of the village's famous castle, but of the people who lived around it and went to church opposite.

Author Canon Lawrence Mortimer admitted that at first glance, the village didn't seem very exciting. But after discovering more about its Marcher history – and some of the eccentric vicars who had lived there – he quickly became engrossed in the Shrewsbury archives.

"It's not an old-looking church, but look at the churchyard wall and you see where swords have been sharpened; look at the church registers, and you find the history of the world," he said.

"From the 1750s Rector William Roberts used the official church record books to keep a diary. He writes about the progress of the American War of Independence, reports on the death of a highwayman, gives weather updates, and describes a blue mist settling over Europe.

"That blue mist was the result of a volcanic eruption in Iceland in 1783 he knew nothing about, which was to cause his death and that of 20,000 others in the UK. "Whittington's most well-known rector William Walsham How, a Victorian hymn writer who eventually became a bishop, also presented some surprises. He enjoyed writing limericks about his parishioners, was entertained by the memoirs of infamous Mad Jack Mytton and could be found wandering down the new railway tracks noting local fauna and flora."

The 24-page book is full of colour illustrations, including a sketch scribbled off by the great artist JMW Turner, and a unique image of Whittington's long-lost medieval church by Shropshire artist Edward Williams.

Costs of publication are being partly met by the local community, but sponsorship is being raised to meet the £300 balance, which will be acknowledged on the colour cover.

For more information on sponsoring the book contact (01691) 657986.

**Poets sought for competition**  
THE second Young Shropshire Poet Laureate competition has been launched.

The competition is open to 13-17 year olds living and/or being educated in Shropshire and application forms will be mailed out to all Shropshire's secondary schools, colleges and academies.

**Activities for all ages on offer**



Library assistants Blair Gardener and Cathy Michie prepare for the games

**It's time for fun and games at town's library**

FROM snakes and ladders to the latest Xbox One titles, Oswestry Library will be full of games for people of all ages to play this weekend.

The library in Arthur Street in Oswestry is one of hundreds across the UK taking part in International Games Day on Saturday.

Debbie Marais, branch manager, said: "This will be the seventh annual celebration of gaming in libraries.

"Libraries are about sharing culture and information.

"Games are a form of culture that you often have to share.

"You often can't experience them without another player.

"We're going to be celebrating the popularity and power of games and play with board games, role play, jigsaws, card games, computer games and much more for people to try.

"The event will be free and families-

ly-friendly, and people are welcome to drop in any time from 10am to 1pm to play.

"If they want to, they can also feel free to bring along their own favourite game to share."

The library will be one of more than one thousand around the world taking part in the International Games Day event.

It is an initiative run around the world and auspiced by the American Library Association, in partnership with Nordic Game Day and the Australian Library and Information Association.

Organisers say the worldwide event is aimed at reconnecting communities through their libraries around the educational, recreational, and social value of all types of games.

The organisers are putting on the events to show that in the 21st century, libraries are about much more than books.

This year marks the seventh annual running of the increasingly popular event.

**Flytipping on the rise says new research**

FLYTIPPING across Shropshire has risen by more than a quarter over the past year, according to new figures.

There were 1,660 reports of flytipping in 2013/14 across the county – a 26 per cent rise from 2012/13 – and the figure has risen by 47 per cent over the past three years.

Flytipping in Shropshire is increasing at a faster rate than the national average and now stands at its highest level for seven years, according to figures from the Department of Environment Food and Rural Affairs.

Nationally, local authorities dealt with a total of 852,000 incidents of fly-tipping in 2013/14, an increase of 20 per cent since 2012/13.

The bill for cleaning this up is £45 million pounds.

Nearly two thirds of fly-tipping is household waste (66 per cent).

The most common place for flytipping to occur was on roads, the figures revealed. The news has been greeted with anger by Shropshire councillor Andy Boddington, who said flytipping "desecrates our county and pollutes our beautiful landscapes".

He said the costs of clearing fly-tipping in Shropshire has risen from £74,000 a year to £106,000 in the past three years. Councillor Boddington, who represents Ludlow North, said: "I am really angry that fly-tipping is growing in Shropshire."

"It desecrates our county and pollutes our beautiful landscapes. Fly-tipping is a national problem but it is growing faster here in Shropshire than the rest of England. Three years ago, there 1,129 fly-tipping incidents across Shropshire. Last year there were 1,660 cases"

**Devolution of powers is supported**

SHROPSHIRE Council leader Keith Barrow has joined with his peers across the country in calling on the Government to devolve as many powers as possible to local authorities.

Mr Barrow said that following the debate over Scottish independence, it was clear that England needs to have more powers devolved to local councils.

He said: "Considering that Scotland gets something about £1,600 per head more funding than England we need more powers.

"That is why you don't get tuition fees in Scotland."

"But I think for starters, we should have full responsibility for all the roads in Shropshire and we should get the budget to go with it," he added.

**Collection is set to be held**

A COLLECTION will be held in Oswestry this weekend to raise money for countries battling the Ebola outbreak.

Churches Together in Oswestry will hold the collection in the town.

The cash raised will be sent to the Disaster Emergency Committee Fund.

The collection will be held at The Cross in Oswestry on Saturday.

The Ebola virus has claimed more than 4,800 lives during the current epidemic in West Africa.



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- Two Bedrooms
- Garage And Parking
- Front And Rear Gardens
- EPC Band D

JJD814

£144,950

### PANT, NR. OSWESTRY



- Oil Fired Central Heating
- Entrance Porch
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Enclosed Front Garden
- Parking for 4/5 cars
- Workshop
- Includes B/Plot with Full P/P for Dwelling
- EPC Band F

JJD807

GUIDE PRICE £350,000

### OSWESTRY



- Buy To Let/FT Buyers
- GFCH
- Entrance Hall
- Sitting Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Two Bedrooms
- Parking
- Front And rear Gardens
- EPC Band - D

JJD845

NO CHAIN £110,000

### OSWESTRY



- Gas Fired C/H
- Living Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Parking
- Front And Rear Gardens
- Ideal For Buy To Let
- Quiet Cul De Sac Position
- EPC Band - D

JJD841

£112,500

### GOBOWEN



- Close Care Residential Bungalow
- Purpose Built Complex
- CH & DG
- Lounge/Dining Area
- Kitchen
- Conservatory & Courtyard
- Double Bedroom
- Bathroom/Wet Room
- Visitor Accommodation Available
- EPC Band - D

JJD842

£69,950

### ST. MARTINS



- Good sized building plot
- Suitable for an executive house
- O.P.P. for single dwelling
- Semi-rural location
- Close to Village facilities
- South facing aspect towards Shropshire Union Canal
- All mains services available

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£120,000

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- Period Mid Terrace
- Two Bedrooms. EPC D
- Paved Rear Garden
- Close to Town Centre
- Gas C H /uPVC DG

£87,450

## GLYN CEIRIOG



- Pretty Terraced Cottage
- NO CHAIN. EPC E.
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Beamed Ceilings
- Well Maintained
- Sought After Location

£89,950

## FOUR CROSSES



- 2 Bed Mid Mews House
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Gas CH & uPVC DG
- Section 106 Applies
- EPC Rating = 82 (B)

£115,000

## RUYTON XI TOWNS



- Mid Terrace Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Double Glazing. EPC C
- Carport & Parking
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Sought After Location

£135,000

## UPPER CHIRK BANK



- No Chain! Mid Terrace Cottage
- 2 Bedrooms, 2 Rec Rooms
- Off Street Parking. EPC D.
- Views Over Open Fields
- Gas C.H. & uPVC D.G.
- Many Original Features

£139,950

## LLANSILIN



- Charming Cottage
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Adjoining Barn
- Two Reception Rooms
- Utility & W.C.
- Enclosed Garden
- Study/Nursery. EPC F
- Original Features

£169,950

## OSWESTRY



- Two Bedroom Mews Cottage
- Sought After Location
- Private Garden. EPC C.
- Lounge, Kitchen/Diner
- Shower Room
- Gas C.H. & uPVC D.G.

£139,950

## ST MARTINS



- Complete Renovation Required
- Large Corner Plot
- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- No Chain. EPC E
- Garage & Parking

Offers in the region of £150,000

## FOUR CROSSES



- Three Bedroom Detached
- Family Home. EPC D.
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Ample Off Road Parking
- Subject to Section 106
- Gas Central Heating

£179,950

## PENYFOEL, LLANYMYNECH



- Superb Detached Cottage
- 3 Bedrooms, 1/3 Acre Gardens
- Two Bathrooms, Conservatory
- Outstanding Views. EPC E
- Parking & Garage
- Oil C.H. & uPVC D.G.

£249,950

## GLYN CEIRIOG



- NO CHAIN!! End of Terrace Cottage
- Rear Garden with Decked Patio
- Overlooking River Ceiriog

Offers in the region of £144,000

## OSWESTRY



- Spacious Detached Bungalow
- Sought After Location
- Three Bedrooms
- Modern Bathroom

Offers in the region of £220,500

## LLANRHAEDR



- Detached Character Cottage
- Three Bedrooms
- Elevated Position. EPC E.
- Many Original Features
- Exposed Ceiling Beams
- Stone Feature Fire Surround

£188,950

## MORTON



- Unique Character Property
- Four Bedrooms. EPC G.
- Many Original Features
- Spacious Accommodation
- Good Sized Gardens
- Two En-suites & Utility

Offers in the region of £269,950

## GOBOWEN



- Detached Family Home
- Three Bedrooms. EPC D
- Potential 4th Bed/small annexe
- Ground Floor Shower Room
- Double Glazing/ Gas C.H.
- Views Over The Village

£185,000

## QUEENS HEAD



- Four Bedroom Detached
- Executive Family Home
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Two En-Suites, Study
- Double Garage
- Sought After Location

Offers in the region of £325,000

## CHIRK



- Dating back to the 17th Century
- 4 Bedroom Detached
- Rural Location. EPC F
- Garage & Parking

£325,000

## LLANGYNOG



- Two Detached Properties!!
- Detached 3 Bed Cottage
- Detached 2 Bed Bungalow
- 2 Acres Of Sloping Land. EPC E

Reduced to £220,000

## PENYBONTFAWR



- Large Semi Detached
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms. EPC E
- Modern Kitchen & Bathroom

Offers over £173,500

## DUDLESTON HEATH



- Detached Four Bed House
- Sought After Village
- Garage. EPC D.
- Off Road Parking

£189,950

## MORDA, OSWESTRY



- Detached Family Property
- Four Double Bedrooms
- One En-Suite. EPC C
- Well Maintained

Offers in the region of £194,950

## MAESBURY MARSH



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Offers over £325,000



**St Martins Road, Gobowen**  
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**Porth Y Waen, Oswestry**  
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Offers In Region Of £269,995



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8 BEDROOMS  
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TWO RECEPTION ROOMS  
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**Llangedwyn** **Maes Teg**  
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DET GARAGE  
DRIVEWAY  
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**Pentrecoed** **The Cottage**  
2 BED DET COTTAGE  
NO CHAIN  
KITCHEN/LIVING ROOM  
EPC RATING F  
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**Oswestry** **49 Park Avenue**  
4 BED END OF TERRACE  
OFF ROAD PARKING  
2 RECEPTION ROOMS  
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**Llanymynech** **11 Barley Meadows**  
3 BED SEMI DET HOUSE  
CONSERVATORY  
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**Whittington** **3 Rosehill Close**  
3 BED SEMI DET BUNGALOW  
VILLAGE LOCATION  
GARAGE  
EPC RATING D  
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**Chirk** **30 Castle Walks**  
3 BED SEMI DET HOUSE  
2 RECEPTION ROOMS  
GARAGE  
EPC RATING C  
**OIRO £144,950**



**Pant** **Croft Bank**  
2 BED SEMI DET BUNGALOW  
ENVIALE VIEWS  
CAR PORT  
EPC RATING D  
**OIRO £134,950**



**Oswestry** **14 Ambleside Road**  
2 BED SEMI DETACHED  
NO CHAIN  
DOUBLE GLAZING  
EPC RATING C  
**OIRO £132,500**



**Oswestry** **2 Monkmoor Close**  
2 BED SEMI DET BUNGALOW  
GAS CENTRAL HEATING  
DETACHED GARAGE  
EPC RATING D  
**OIRO £129,950**



**Oswestry** **19 Middleton Close**  
2 BED SEMI-DET HOUSE  
KITCHEN/DINER  
MASTER BEDROOM EN SUITE  
EPC RATING D  
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**Oswestry** **11 Malory Road**  
3 BED TERRACE HOUSE  
OFF ROAD PARKING  
2 RECEPTION ROOMS  
EPC RATING C  
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**Oswestry** **1 Oak Cottages**  
2 BED PROPERTY  
2 RECEPTION ROOMS  
NO CHAIN  
EPC RATING E  
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**Oswestry** **2 Oak Street**  
2 BED TERRACE HOUSE  
NO CHAIN  
2 RECEPTION ROOMS  
EPC RATING D  
**OIRO £114,950**



**Oswestry** **70 Maple Avenue**  
2 BED SEMI DET HOUSE  
KITCHEN/DINER  
GAS CENTRAL HEATING  
EPC RATING D  
**OIRO £109,950**



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**Old Sawley, Silverdale Drive, Trefonen****£365,000**

An individual four bedroom detached house. Three reception rooms including sun room. Fitted kitchen, utility and cloakroom. Master bedroom with en-suite shower. Guest bedroom with en-suite shower. Recently installed family bathroom. Oil-fired heating, double glazing. Spacious landscaped gardens, ample parking and double garage. EPC Rating = 66 (D)

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**8 Cefn Hawys, Red Bank, Welshpool****£99,950**

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 2 Bed End-Terr, Gas C/H, FTE, No Pets, (EER=49) ..... (£570 dep) £420 pcm  
 2 Bed Det Bung, Gas C/H, FTE, No Pets. (EER=63) ..... (£740 dep) £640 pcm

#### GOBOWEN

- 2 Bed Mid-Terr House, Gas C/H, FTE, No Pets. (EER=58) ..... (£525 dep) £425 pcm  
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2.00pm

@ the Lion Quays Hotel, Moreton Oswestry SY11 3EN

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**Southsea Guide Price** **WREXHAM**  
Over £55,000

- Detached Residence
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**LOT 2 AUCTION**

**Oswald Road Guide Price** **OSWESTRY**  
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- Investment property
- 2 two bed apartments & 1 one bedroom apartment
- Located in the Ceiriog Valley
- Part of a Conversion of the Former Mill
- Kitchen, Living Room, One Bedroom, Shower Room
- Potential to develop basement into accommodation
- EPC Rating E, D and D
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## Calls made for clearer role rules

THE Welsh Government needs to ensure that there is "greater clarity" and a "clearer rational" around senior pay levels in the public sector, says a cross-party committee of Assembly Members.

The National Assembly for Wales's Public Accounts Committee undertook an inquiry into senior manager pay and in their report, the committee says that a clear definition of what is meant by a senior post in the public sector needs to be produced and disseminated by the Welsh Government.

"It was sometimes difficult to make comparisons between pay arrangements between similar organisations and there were inconsistencies across the public sector as a whole," said committee chair Darren Millar AM.

## Council to put together guide

COMPANIES which provide attractions and activities in Mid Wales are being asked if they are interested in a free listing in a new guide.

The new guide promoting what there is to see and do in the region is being produced by Powys County Council.

The council is inviting activity providers and attractions to take out a free listing.

Anyone wishing to be included should visit [www.tourismpowys.org](http://www.tourismpowys.org) by Monday to complete an online entry.

# Market's revamp to boost business, says law expert

By Pam Kingsley

A LEGAL expert who recently joined an Oswestry law firm says the new developments at Smithfield and Mile End will be a huge boost for businesses in the area.

Gráinne Walters joined Lanyon Bowdler's commercial and corporate legal team as a partner in 2014. Having spent most of her early career working for a large firm in London, Gráinne is bringing the benefits of her experience and expertise to bear for local clients.

She said: "The planned development of the new business park at Mile End is an exciting opportunity which will be a real boost for the area."

"The development of the livestock market at Smithfield is also moving ahead now, which will provide a variety of new commercial units and attract more businesses into Oswestry."

"We are also seeing more companies expanding in existing commercial parks around the town, and there is a real sense that Oswestry is establishing itself as a business centre."

Seeing new businesses open and thrive in Oswestry is a source of pride to the Lanyon Bowdler team - particularly as many of them live in the area themselves.

Commercial property solicitor, Emma Wilde, recently helped two new businesses open in the town.

Baby Bird Cafe took over the former Thomas Cook shop in Cross Street, which had lain empty for months, and new owners have taken over the Pizza Two Four restaurant in Leg Street. Emma worked with both businesses to secure leases on the buildings and made sure that all the necessary legal documents were in place.

## Drivers get motor advice

MANY people are aware that driving at night is more difficult and stressful than driving during the day time, but Oswestry firm BBR Opticians Ltd says there are many things motorists can do to make life easier.

The firm says if spectacle lenses are scratched or dirty then drivers may get more glare from headlights. They say people should not use tinted lenses at night but a "reflection free" coating is beneficial. A firm spokesman said: "Ensure that you have an eye examination every two years - or more frequently if recommended by your optician."

"A small change in your prescription can cause more difficulties at night."

"Glare or 'star bursting' around car headlights can be the first sign of eye problems such as cataracts and should be checked out by an optician."

## Photographer snaps up award



Care Johnson's volunteering work has been recognised

A 21-year-old Oswestry photographer's hard work and commitment to volunteering in the community is paying off.

Care Johnson has scooped 'The Good Samaritan' award at The Youth 4 Excellence Awards ceremony. Care has also worked alongside internationally renowned photographer to the stars, Rankin.

Her hard work has also seen her work with Microsoft's Bing, and over 11 million people have seen the images she created for this project.

Not only is she now an award winning 'Good Samaritan', Care has also been invited as a guest lecturer to Click, The Photography Show in London next May where she will provide a 'Turning Pro Masterclass' providing inspiration to motivate the next generation of young photographers dreaming of turning pro.

She will be speaking alongside the likes of BBC's Chris Packham.

## Ironwork firm plays host to youngsters

PUPILS from Adcote School recently had a thoroughly enjoyable visit to the British Ironwork Centre near Oswestry.

The pupil economists were tasked to find out how a local business contributes to the regional, national and international economy.

Whilst there, the pupils had an informative interactive talk with a member of staff who explained many things about the business.

During the day, the group also learnt about the diversity of their amazing range of 11,000 products that they produce; the many countries they trade with and the importance of using local suppliers to make their annual 41,000 cups of tea and coffee for employees.

The girls observed how economic terminology is relevant to the real world as well as seeing a female blacksmith at work, meeting the sculptor of Uri Geller's spoon gorilla and being given a goodie bag complete with ice cream and a metal hook.

Staff from Adcote School said it was an informative, fun packed morning and an interesting and unique working example that students can relate to in their economics lessons going forward.

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**The Pincushion**

The Pincushion opened in August and this new venture combines a shop that sells wool and haberdashery items with a workshop that runs courses in all types of textile crafts. Owner Emma is a "local girl (Gobowener)" who has recently moved back to Shropshire.

She has a textile degree and is also a fully qualified Art and Textiles teacher. After 10 years teaching Art and Textiles at GCSE and A Level she has built up an extensive skill base that she wishes to share with others. Emma left teaching to develop her dream of running a wool shop that delivers a variety of textile workshops such as dress making, re upholstery, knitting, crochet and spinning. She also wanted to provide an opportunity for people to purchase locally sourced and British wool, the Pincushion is the first shop to stock locally grown Shropshire wool anywhere in the country, along with some beautiful luxury wools such as Rowan and Fiberspates. The shop holds regular competitions, the present competition is a 'tea cosy' competition which has been attracting a lot of attention (all entries can be admired through the shop window), and trips out to crafty destinations such as the 'Knit and Stitch Show' and 'Festival of the Quilts'.

Emma is creating a community of crafters by posting all of their magnificent creations onto her webpage and Facebook page. She also has a knit and natter group on a Thursday evening 7-9 and Wednesday mornings from 10-12 so that people can help and share with one another their creations.

'Oswestry is such a creative, arty town and I am so happy to be a part of it.'

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## Group is here to provide support

ONE of the main aims of a chamber of commerce is to provide and promote a supportive community for businesses. Heather Noble, chairman of Oswestry Chamber of Commerce has said.

Mrs Noble said the importance and significance of such a community was apparent last week when fire broke out at Brooks Around The Corner and left the owners unable to trade.

She said: "Almost immediately a number of local businesses were on hand to offer support which meant that Brooks were able to meet their daily commitments for local school lunches. Anyone in business will understand and appreciate just how important and how welcome that support must have been."

"Being able to pull together to help one another is what makes Oswestry a great place both to live and to operate a business and as a Chamber of Commerce we work hard to promote a shared sense of business community for everyone to enjoy and benefit from." An invitation has been made to businesses to the chamber's social evening which takes place at The Wynnstey Hotel between 6pm and 8pm on December 3.

# Apprenticeship drive the answer to training issues

By Pam Kingsley

IT is seen as an old fashioned solution to a very modern economic problem.

Apprenticeships are now on the front line of the Government's battle to drive down unemployment.

And events in Shropshire are spreading the word about apprenticeships, selling vocational training as an effective alternative to higher education. County Training, part of Shropshire Council, has been holding a series of information events around Shropshire, with opportunities to secure job interviews and gain valuable advice on CV writing and other skills.

## First year of trade marked

AN Oswestry furniture shop is celebrating its first year of trading.

Not only does The Oak Furniture Shop in Bailey Street offer a wide range of products, the premises also acts as a gallery of local photography.

Business owner Jane Rees said: "Offering a selection of oak furniture from the Ludlow Range, choose from extending dining tables that give you added flexibility when entertaining family and friends, as well as sideboards, coffee and nests of tables, bookcases and dressers."

"Wardrobes, bedside cabinets and dressing tables can give your bedroom a whole new look, and as the spacious showroom is shared with Amanda's Bedroom Centre, customers can choose from a wide range of mattresses and other beds, with a combined delivery service available."

Ann Hartley, Shropshire Council's Cabinet member for children's services for transformation and safeguarding, said: "The Secure Your Apprenticeship events encourage young people to take control of their future and to see that an apprenticeship could be the right path for them as a method of gaining a secure footing on the career ladder."

Parents and carers have also been attending the events to find out what kind of apprenticeships are on offer for their children, as well as work and training opportunities.

And with a pre-apprenticeship programme also on offer learners have had the opportunity to enrol on a scheme to improve English and maths levels, as well as gain confidence and work experience, ready for taking on an apprenticeship.

Some were also able to secure job interviews, while everyone attending went away with an information and advice pack which gave tips on CV writing, interview techniques, speculative letters and what employers want.

## Homes groups back contest



The winners show off their shoebox competition designs

A HOUSING trust and a house-building firm have been working with St Martins Brownies on a "room in a box" competition.

The competition has been run by The Wrekin Housing Trust and developer CGL Homes.

The trust has recently completed a new development of 12 homes in St Martins, built for them by CGL.

As part of their work in the area, they have sponsored the local Brownies and set them a competition to make a room in a shoebox to get them thinking about their homes and how important they are.

Eva Jones was chosen as the winner, Peyton Allum and Megan Swale were chosen as runners up. All girls, aged nine, received prizes with Eva winning a fantastic art set donated by CGL Homes.

Sarah Flaherty from the Wrekin Housing Trust and Roger Ballamy from CGL Homes attended the prize-giving.

## Youngsters run farmers market

YOUNGSTERS in the Oswestry area have been trying their hand at business by running their own farmers market.

The market was held at Morda Primary School.

The school collaborated with the food technology department at the Marches School in Oswestry to prepare for the market.

A group of Year 5 students from Morda visited The Marches to make a batch of savoury products to sell at their farmers market.

Pupils made cheese and courgette scones, with some of the ingredients being locally sourced and supplied by Honeysuckle in Oswestry.

The Marches School had a stall at the farmers market at Morda and raised £48 through the selling of products.

## AM support for money campaign

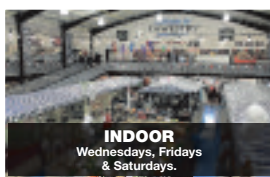
CLWYD South Assembly Member Ken Skates is encouraging education and training organisations to back a national competition which aims to teach young people vital money management skills.

Lloyds Banking Group's Money for Life Challenge looks for successful and innovative ways for 16- to 24-year-olds to improve how they manage their money.

Mr Skates said it was important that young people improve their financial skills and share their new knowledge with others.



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**Casualty**  
9.15pm  
Ethan is in charge during the night shift, when a patient going by the name of Valentine comes in with bad facial injuries, and while it seems likely they were caused in a fight, he refuses to admit it. Meanwhile, Charlie breaks down and discovers a couple, Alex and Janie, who have crashed nearby.



**Rugby League: Four Nations**  
7.15am  
Australia v New Zealand (Kick-off 7.45am). Live coverage of the final at the Westpac Stadium in Wellington, featuring the leading two nations from the round-robin stage. This is the first time New Zealand have hosted the final and they will fancy their chances, having beaten Australia already in the tournament.



**Live International Football**  
4.30pm  
England v Slovenia (Kick-off 5.00pm). Coverage of the Euro 2016 Group E qualifier at Wembley Stadium, where the hosts are expected to record another victory. Roy Hodgson's men have won all three of their fixtures so far and are favourites to comfortably top the group.



**Walking Through History: Nazi Occupation – Channel Islands**  
8pm  
Tony Robinson heads to Guernsey and Jersey to tell the story of the islands' surrender to the Nazis during the Second World War. He hears of the bombing raid that heralded the German troops' arrival and sees the spot where the first British commando landed.



**Alex Polizzi's Secret Italy**  
10.55am  
For the final leg of her journey, the hotelier heads to the south, a region she knows little about. In Puglia, she marvels at the local beehive-shaped dry stone huts and samples a wine with a difference, before heading to the Monte Pollino national park. Alex concludes her adventure in the city of Matera.

BBC1

- 6.00 **Breakfast.**  
10.00 **Saturday Kitchen Live.** James Martin is joined by guest chefs Glynn Purnell and Chris King, and singer Donny Osmond, who faces his food heaven or hell.  
11.30 **James Martin: Home Comforts.** Transforming simple recipes into special treats.  
12.00 **BBC News;** Weather.  
12.10 **Football Focus.** Dan Walker and guests look ahead to the latest Euro 2016 qualifiers.  
12.50 **Saturday Sportsday.** A look ahead at the day's events.  
1.00 **Rugby League: Four Nations Final Highlights.** Australia v New Zealand. A chance to see the key moments from the showpiece match at the Westpac Stadium in Wellington, New Zealand.  
2.00 **Live International Rugby Union.** Wales v Fiji (Kick-off 2.30pm). Gabby Logan introduces coverage of the latest autumn international, staged at the Millennium Stadium.  
4.30 **Children in Need: The Best Bits.** Shane Richie presents highlights of Children in Need 2014.  
5.50 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.  
6.10 **Pointless Celebrities.** Alexander Armstrong invites TV stars Vanessa Feltz, Penny Smith, Kriss Akabusi, Roger Black, Keith Chegwin, Andrew Castle, Louie Spence and Carol McGiffin to compete.  
7.00 **Strictly Come Dancing.** Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present from Blackpool Tower Ballroom, where the venue may be different but it will be business as usual as the couples strive to achieve perfection. The results are tomorrow at 7.15pm.  
8.30 **Atlantis.** New series. The fantasy drama returns, with Queen Ariadne caught up in a war with former stepmother Pasiphae. As the kingdom stands on the brink of collapse, Jason is her only hope.  
9.15 **Casualty.** A patient with serious facial injuries refuses to admit to staff how they were caused, while a suspicious death leads Lily on a murder mystery.  
10.05 **The National Lottery Live.** Gaby Roslin is joined by singer Donny Osmond as she reveals the numbers for the Lotto and Thunderball draws.  
10.15 **BBC News;** Weather.  
10.35 **Mrs Brown's Boys.** Doting mother Agnes resolves to have a proper family Christmas to celebrate son Trevor taking a break from missionary work for the first time in years. Brendan O'Carroll stars. (R)  
11.05 **Jack Whitehall Live.** The London-born comedian and actor in a stand-up performance, quickly flitting from one story to another as he effortlessly extracts the humour from every situation. Previously shown on BBC3; **National Lottery Update.**  
12.05 **EastEnders.** Omnibus. Pam is worried Emma will discover her secret and Mick tells Linda he has changed his mind and wants another baby. (R)  
1.35 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**  
1.40 **BBC News.**

BBC2

- 6.05 **FILM: My Forbidden Past (1951).** Period drama, starring Ava Gardner and Robert Mitchum.  
7.15 **Rugby League: Four Nations.** Australia v New Zealand (Kick-off 7.45am). Live coverage of the final at the Westpac Stadium in Wellington, featuring the leading two nations from the round-robin stage.  
10.00 **The Life of Birds.** How birds communicate. (R)  
10.50 **Animal Park.** Cub Malaika is kicked out of the lion's den. (R)  
11.20 **Coast.** The man-made shoreline of the Netherlands.  
12.00 **Rick Stein's Far Eastern Odyssey.** A culinary journey, beginning in Cambodia. (R)  
1.00 **Escape to the Country.** A couple want to set up a holiday let business in Herefordshire. (R)  
2.00 **Live Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals.** Coverage of the opening singles semi-final of the season-ending competition from the O2 in London, as a group winner and runner-up compete for a place in the showpiece match.  
5.00 **Live International Rugby Union.** Scotland v New Zealand (Kick-off 5.30pm).  
7.30 **Flog It! Trade Secrets.** Paul Martin and the team give advice on collecting items that commemorate people or events, and Michael Baggott digs out a special set of paper plates.  
8.00 **Perry and Croft: Made in Britain.** New series. A celebration of comedy writing duo David Croft and Jimmy Perry, examining how their work can be viewed as unique chronicle of the UK in the 20th century.  
8.30 **Dad's Army.** Mainwaring and the platoon are asked to provide a guard of honour for a train carrying George VI passing through Walmington-on-Sea, but another locomotive confounds their plans. (R)  
9.00 **QI XL.** Stephen Fry hosts an extended edition of the quiz with a difference. The Rev Richard Coles, Sarah Millican, David Mitchell and Alan Davies answer questions about jobs.  
9.45 **War of Words: Soldier-Poets of the Somme.** Michael Sheen narrates a documentary examining the experiences of authors who fought in the First World War battle, looking at how their writing was informed and transformed by it.  
11.15 **TOTP2.** Mark Radcliffe introduces archive performances by Fine Young Cannibals, Badfinger, Kriss Kross, Elvis Costello, Luisa Sobral and Cyndi Lauper. (R)  
12.15 **FILM: Down Terrace (2009).** Father-and-son gangsters are released from prison and try to identify the informant in their organisation. Crime comedy, starring Robin and Robert Hill.  
1.45 **FILM: Undertow (2009).** A married fisherman is haunted by the ghost of his secret gay lover, who cannot rest until he admits the truth. Supernatural drama, starring Cristian Mercado.  
3.20 **This Is BBC2.**

ITV

- 6.00 **CITV:** Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge 6.25 Pat & Stan 6.35 Pat & Stan 6.40 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures 6.50 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures 7.05 Canimals 7.10 Canimals 7.20 Signed Stories: Share a Story 7.25 Sooty 7.35 Mr Bean: The Animated Series 7.50 Matt Hatter Chronicles 8.15 Horrid Henry 8.30 The Munch Box  
9.25 **The Hungry Sailors.** Dick and James Strawbridge visit St Mawes on a quest to cook the best Cornish produce, and Gavin Roberts shares the secret behind making his grandmother's signature sausages. (R)  
10.25 **Murder, She Wrote.** The Cabot Cove residents fall victim to a callous development scheme. (R)  
11.20 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.  
11.30 **Storage Hoarders.** A man whose father's PoW suitcase reveals a fascinating past. (R)  
12.30 **Surprise Surprise.** A fundraising singer fulfils a lifelong dream of performing with an orchestra. (R)  
1.30 **Faith in the Future.** Comedy, starring the late Lynda Bellingham. (R)  
2.00 **Doc Martin.** Louisa faces off with love rival Carrie in a battle for Martin's affections and romance is in the air for Aunt Joan, who gains an admirer in the form of Edward. Martin Clunes stars. (R)  
3.05 **Keep It in the Family.** Former X Factor stars help contestants win big prizes. (R)  
4.05 **ITV News Central;** Weather.  
4.15 **ITV News and Weather.**  
4.30 **Live International Football.** England v Slovenia (Kick-off 5.00pm). Coverage of the Euro 2016 Group E qualifier at Wembley Stadium, where the hosts are expected to record another victory.  
7.15 **The Chase: Celebrity Special.** Radio 2 DJ Jo Whiley, Benidorm barman Jake Canuso, Law & Order: UK's Georgia Taylor and comedian Marcus Brigstocke take on a trivia expert for charity. Bradley Walsh hosts.  
8.15 **The X Factor.** The remaining acts perform with live musicians for Big Band week, taking on old classics and giving modern pop songs a jazz twist. Dermot O'Leary hosts. The results are tomorrow at 8pm.  
9.55 **The Jonathan Ross Show.** The host chats to actress Carey Mulligan, chef Gordon Ramsay, opera singer Katherine Jenkins and comedy legend Michael Palin. Music comes courtesy of rock band Kasabian.  
10.55 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.  
11.10 **International Football Highlights.** England v Slovenia. Action from the Euro 2016 Group E qualifier at Wembley Stadium, where the hosts were looking to secure a fourth successive victory.  
12.10 **Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.  
3.00 **The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.** (R)  
3.45 **ITV Nightscreen.** Text-based information service.

Channel 4

- 6.05 **NFL: Rush Zone.** Animation about a young American football fan.  
6.30 **Trans World Sport.** Including a profile of swimmer James Guy.  
7.25 **River Rat Race Stockton.** Action from the Urban Adventure series.  
7.55 **The Morning Line.** Racing preview.  
9.00 **Weekend Kitchen.** With David Baddiel.  
10.00 **Frasier.** The Crane brothers clash. (R)  
10.30 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Ray is mistaken for his mother's toyboy. (R)  
11.00 **The Big Bang Theory.** The guys buy fake tickets for the Comic-Con.  
11.30 **The Big Bang Theory.** Sheldon and Amy take a train ride to Napa Valley.  
12.00 **The Simpsons.** Krusty the Clown is arrested. (R)  
12.30 **Marvel's Agents of SHIELD.** Coulson is attacked by the only person he can trust – Agent May. (R)  
1.30 **Channel 4 Racing.** Live coverage from Cheltenham and Wetherby.  
4.00 **Come Dine with Me.** Hunting enthusiast Hunni Hindley hosts the first party in Lincoln. (R)  
4.30 **Come Dine with Me.** Medical supplier Caroline Bevis hosts the second dinner party in Lincoln. (R)  
5.00 **Come Dine with Me.** Glenn Priestly hosts a "rock legends" night in Lincoln. (R)  
5.35 **Come Dine with Me.** Richard Summers-Calvert hosts the fourth party of the week from Lincoln. (R)  
6.05 **Come Dine with Me.** All-American mother Natasha Ingham hosts the final dinner party from Lincolnshire, hoping to impress her guests with a dish entitled "fall off your horse black bottom pie". (R)  
6.35 **Channel 4 News.**  
7.05 **Speed with Guy Martin.** The motorcycle racer makes a bold attempt to set a world speed record for a hovercraft, knowing that at speeds of more than 86mph, even the most experienced pilots can lose control. (R)  
8.00 **Walking Through History: Nazi Occupation – Channel Islands.** Tony Robinson heads to Guernsey and Jersey to tell the story of the islands' surrender to Nazi Germany during the Second World War.  
9.00 **It Was Alright in the 1970s.** Part one of two. Matt Lucas narrates a look back at the decade's TV shows, beginning with themes of pleasure and leisure, including outrageous adult jokes in pre-watershed sitcoms.  
10.00 **FILM: Chronicle (2012).** Premiere. Three teenagers develop superhuman abilities, but one of them is corrupted by his new power. Sci-fi thriller, starring Dane DeHaan, Alex Russell and Michael B Jordan.  
11.40 **FILM: Max Payne (2008).** A tormented cop searches for his wife's killer while investigating a series of murders connected to a hallucinatory drug. Action thriller, starring Mark Wahlberg and Mila Kunis.  
1.30 **FILM: Shell (2012).** Drama, starring Chloe Pirrie.  
3.05 **Hollyoaks.** (R)  
5.15 **Location, Location, Location.** (R)

Channel 5

- 6.00 **Milkshake!** Peppa Pig 6.05 Roary the Racing Car 6.15 Angelina Ballerina: The Next Steps 6.30 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures 6.35 Seaside Antics 6.40 The Mr Men Show 6.55 Chloe's Closet 7.05 Olly the Little White Van 7.10 Bananas in Pyjamas 7.25 Make Way for Noddy 7.35 Paw Patrol 7.45 Milkshake! Bop Box 7.50 Little Princess 8.05 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky 8.20 Wanda and the Alien 8.30 Zack and Quack 8.45 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom 9.00 Jelly Jam  
9.15 **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** Donatello upgrades Metalhead's artificial intelligence.  
9.50 **Access.** Showbiz news and gossip.  
9.55 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** Brian and Graham try to recover £20,000 from the owner of a health spa. (R)  
10.55 **Alex Polizzi's Secret Italy.** The hotelier concludes her journey by visiting the south of the country. Last in the series. (R)  
11.55 **FILM: The Christmas Heart (2012).** Drama, starring Teri Polo.  
1.40 **FILM: Help for Christmas (2012).** Fantasy, starring Summer Glau.  
3.20 **FILM: Christmas Mail (2010).** Festive romantic comedy, starring Ashley Scott and AJ Buckley.  
5.10 **FILM: A Grandpa for Christmas (2007).** Family comedy, starring Ernest Borgnine.  
6.55 **5 News Weekend.**  
7.00 **FILM: Battle of Britain (1969).** RAF pilots under the leadership of Air Chief Marshal Hugh Dowding defend Britain from the might of the Luftwaffe. Second World War drama, with Laurence Olivier and Michael Caine. Edited for violence and language.  
9.35 **FILM: The Wild Geese (1978).** British mercenaries hired to free a political prisoner from an African state are betrayed by their employers. Action adventure, with Richard Burton, Richard Harris and Roger Moore.  
12.15 **Gotham.** Gordon and Bullock search for a man distributing vials of a drug that makes users super-strong, while Bruce tries to establish Wayne Enterprises' role in the Arkham project. (R)  
1.10 **SuperCasino.** Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.  
3.10 **The Gadget Show.** The best deals available for home TV, phone and broadband. (R)  
4.00 **House Doctor.** A cluttered house in Cradley Heath, West Midlands. (R)  
4.25 **Make It Big.** Matt and Jess receive an official warning. (R)  
4.50 **Make It Big.** Jess gets a warning from HQ. (R)  
5.15 **Angels of Jarm.** Aaron goes on a school trip. (R)  
5.20 **Angels of Jarm.** Virgil gets the blame for breaking a vase. (R)  
5.30 **Angels of Jarm.** Bindi is jealous of Jess's new coat. (R)  
5.40 **Roary the Racing Car.**





### Michael McIntyre's Showtime 10.45pm

The popular stand-up entertains 20,000 fans in a show recorded during his 10-night run at the London O2 in 2012. The show features anecdotes about watching his wife get undressed, a horrific trip to the dentist and his children, as well as Michael's thoughts on the Diamond Jubilee, Wimbledon and the Olympics.



### Human Universe 7pm

Professor Brian Cox examines what the future holds for humanity. In Florida, he learns about the latest efforts to protect Earth from potential catastrophic events. At the National Ignition Facility in California, the physicist witnesses the world's most successful fusion experiment in action. Last in the series.



### Keep It in the Family 7pm

Six stars of Coronation Street join Bradley Walsh in the studio as they prepare to face the dreaded drop. Kym Marsh, Samia Ghadie, Antony Cotton, Brooke Vincent, Mikey North and Bruno Langley provide assistance as the Jameses and Marshalls go head to head in a series of fun-filled rounds to win big prizes.



### Micky Flanagan: Back in the Game 10pm

The cockney comic's sell-out Back in the Game tour was the biggest comedy event of 2013. One of the nation's best-loved stand-ups performs to his home crowd at London's Hackney Empire, regaling his audience with tales of middle age, marriage and a man's prerogative.



### Police Interceptors 10.05am

Sgt Carlin arrests a gang of van thieves and uncovers a criminal operation in the process, while a compost thief is caught on his way out of the shower. Elsewhere, Brian cracks down on a barbaric blood sport, Jon faces an unexploded bomb, and two fuel thieves plough straight into the interceptors' precious BMW.

## BBC1

- 6.00** **Breakfast.**  
**9.00** **The Andrew Marr Show.**  
**10.00** **Sunday Morning Live.** Topical debate covering religious, moral and ethical issues, with guest panellists and contributions from viewers.  
**11.00** **Homes Under the Hammer.** Developers Lucy Alexander and Martin Roberts explore a property in Devon, a former coach house in Kent and a terraced house in Birmingham. (R)  
**12.00** **Bargain Hunt.** Two teams hunt for bargains at an antiques centre in Glasgow with the help of Paul Laidlaw and James Lewis, and Tim Wonnacott visits Dumfries House. (R)  
**1.00** **BBC News; Weather.**  
**1.15** **Escape to the Country.** A couple hunt for a home in Carmarthenshire. (R)  
**1.45** **Gareth's All Star Choir.** Part two of a two-part documentary in which choirmaster Gareth Malone teaches a dozen celebrities to sing so they can record this year's Children in Need single. (R)  
**2.45** **Gareth's All Star Choir.** Part two of two. The choir members embark on a publicity tour. (R)  
**3.45** **Points of View.** Viewers' comments.  
**4.00** **Lifeline.** Arlene Phillips appeals on behalf of Alzheimer's Research UK.  
**4.10** **Songs of Praise.** The story of a lottery winner who gave away millions of pounds.  
**4.45** **Life Story.** The importance of power in the animal kingdom. (R)  
**5.45** **BBC News; Regional News; Weather.**  
**6.15** **Countryfile.** Ellie Harrison visits a farm where traditional skills are still practised, and presents archive items about countryside crafts, including wheelwrighting and rake-making.  
**7.15** **Strictly Come Dancing: The Results.** Tess Daly and Claudia Winkelman are at Blackpool Tower Ballroom to reveal which pairs are in the dance-off, with performances by Shirley Bassey and McBusted.  
**8.00** **FILM: War Horse (2011).** Premiere. A horse travels across the battlefields of the First World War, while the original owner searches for it. Steven Spielberg's drama, with Jeremy Irvine and Tom Hiddleston.  
**10.15** **BBC News; Regional News; Weather.**  
**10.45** **Michael McIntyre's Showtime.** Stand-up comedy performed at the O2 in London during his 10-night run in 2012, featuring stories about a horrific trip to the dentist and watching his wife get undressed. (R)  
**11.45** **The Apprentice.** The entrepreneurs devise and sell their own board games, with one team coming up with a globetrotting game for the family and the other choosing something a little more risqué. (R)  
**12.45** **FILM: Repo Chick (2009).** A rich girl gets into the car repossession trade and is drawn into a hostage crisis that could destroy Los Angeles. Comedy sequel, starring Jaclyn Jonet and Rosanna Arquette.  
**2.10** **Weather for the Week Ahead.**  
**2.15** **BBC News.**

## BBC2

- 6.00** **Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein.** The horticulturist plants the first seeds of the year. (R)  
**6.30** **Great British Garden Revival.** Glasshouses and shrubs. (R)  
**7.30** **Countryfile.** Remembrance Sunday special. (R)  
**8.40** **Glorious Gardens from Above.** (R)  
**9.30** **Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** Highlights of the series.  
**11.00** **James Martin: Home Comforts.** The chef cooks in his own kitchen. (R)  
**11.45** **James Martin: Home Comforts.** (R)  
**12.30** **Rick Stein's Far Eastern Odyssey.** The culinary journey continues in Vietnam. (R)  
**1.30** **International Rugby Union.** England v South Africa.  
**2.25** **FILM: Up Periscope (1959).** Second World War naval adventure, with James Garner.  
**4.15** **Glorious Gardens from Above.** Horticulturist Christine Walkden visits Essex. (R)  
**5.00** **Flog It!** David Fletcher and Michael Baggot examine an Australian nutcracker and an Uncle Sam doll in Worthing, West Sussex, and Paul Martin visits Great Dixter.  
**6.00** **Live Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals.** Coverage of the singles final of the season-ending competition from the O2 in London, where Novak Djokovic has been victorious for the last two years. Coverage continues on BBC3.  
**7.00** **Human Universe.** Professor Brian Cox explores the past, present and future of mankind. Last in the series. (R)  
**8.00** **The Mekong River with Sue Perkins.** The comedienne witnesses how deforestation and wildlife crime are stripping Cambodia of its last wild places, and spends time with the women of the Krung tribe.  
**9.00** **World's Greatest Food Markets.** New series. Billingsgate fish merchant Roger Barton visits food markets around the globe, beginning at the New Fulton Fish Market in the Bronx, New York City.  
**10.00** **Russell Howard's Good News.** The comedian offers his perspective on stories dominating the media, whether on television, online or in print, and he is joined by a guest with an amazing tale to tell. (R)  
**10.30** **The Wrong Mans.** A case of mistaken identity catapults two council employees into the middle of a deadly criminal conspiracy. Comedy thriller, with James Corden and Mathew Baynton. (R)  
**11.00** **The Wrong Mans.** Sam and Phil try to rescue Mr Stevens' wife, but in the ensuing chaos end up accidentally taking underground casino boss Mr Lau's nephew Jason hostage. (R)  
**11.30** **FILM: Regeneration (1997).** A psychiatrist helping traumatised soldiers return to duty during the First World War treats poet Siegfried Sassoon. Drama, starring Jonathan Pryce and James Wilby.  
**1.20** **Sign Zone: Countryfile.** (R)  
**2.35** **Sign Zone: Holby City.** (R)  
**3.35** **This is BBC2.**

## ITV

- 6.00** **CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge** **6.25** Pat & Stan **6.35** Pat & Stan **6.40** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures **6.50** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures **7.05** Canimals **7.10** Canimals **7.20** Signed Stories: Share a Story **7.25** Sooty **7.35** Mr Bean: The Animated Series **7.50** Ultimate Spider-Man **8.15** Horrid Henry **8.30** Big Time Rush **9.00** The Aquabats! Super Show!  
**9.25** **Dickinson's Real Deal.** (R)  
**10.25** **Murder, She Wrote.** (R)  
**11.25** **ITV News and Weather; Weather.**  
**11.35** **FILM: Carry On Cowboy (1966).** Comedy Western, starring Sid James.  
**1.25** **All Star Family Fortunes.** Actors John Thomson and Ricky Whittle take part. (R)  
**2.10** **The Unforgettable Benny Hill.** Profile of the comedian. (R)  
**2.50** **The X Factor.** The remaining acts perform with live musicians for Big Band week. (R)  
**4.25** **Downton Abbey.** Family tensions threaten to derail preparations for Rose's wedding. Last in the series. (R)  
**6.00** **You've Been Framed!** Harry Hill reveals what David Cameron gets up to behind the bins at Chequers, and why Lorraine Kelly is now testing Ross King's thongs, plus the dogs that think they are gangsters. (R)  
**6.30** **ITV News Central; Weather.**  
**6.45** **ITV News and Weather.**  
**7.00** **Keep It in the Family.** Coronation Street stars Kym Marsh, Samia Ghadie, Antony Cotton, Brooke Vincent, Mikey North and Bruno Langley help contestants win big prizes. Bradley Walsh hosts.  
**8.00** **The X Factor Results.** Dermot O'Leary reveals who is safe and who has scored the lowest number of votes. Plus, performances by some of the biggest acts in the charts.  
**9.00** **I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!** New series. Another jungle adventure begins as a fresh batch of famous faces set up camp among the creepy-crawlies of the Australian wilderness. Ant and Dec follow the daily drama.  
**10.40** **ITV News and Weather; Weather.**  
**10.55** **Broadmoor.** Part two of two. The stories of patients who are preparing to move out of the psychiatric hospital into medium secure units – the first step on the road to rejoining the community. (R)  
**11.55** **Premiership Rugby Union.** Highlights of the latest top-flight fixtures, which included Leicester Tigers v Saracens, Gloucester v Harlequins and Northampton Saints v Exeter Chiefs.  
**12.50** **The Store.** Home shopping.  
**2.20** **Motorsport UK.** High-speed coverage from around the country.  
**3.15** **The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.** The host takes his successful talk show stateside. (R)  
**4.00** **ITV Nightscreen.** Text-based information service.  
**5.05** **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues, and provides them with his own brand of no-nonsense advice. (R)

## Channel 4

- 6.10** **NFL: The American Football Show.** Highlights from the 10th week of the NFL campaign. (R)  
**7.05** **How I Met Your Mother.** (R)  
**7.30** **How I Met Your Mother.** Barney tries to stop Ted moving in with Robin. (R)  
**7.55** **Everybody Loves Raymond.** A restless Ray is left at home by himself. (R)  
**8.25** **Frasier.** A policewoman steals Frasier's heart. (R)  
**8.55** **Jamie's Comfort Food.** Gennaro Contaldo helps Jamie Oliver make bolognese ravioli. (R)  
**9.30** **Sunday Brunch.** With Michael Ball and Jason Byrne. Last in the series.  
**12.30** **The Big Bang Theory.** Howard is offered the chance to go back into space.  
**12.55** **The Big Bang Theory.** Amy tries to find Raj a date.  
**1.20** **Channel 4 Racing.** Live coverage from Cheltenham and Fontwell.  
**3.40** **FILM: 17 Again (2009).** Comedy, starring Matthew Perry and Zac Efron.  
**5.45** **FILM: Mirror Mirror (2012).** Fantasy, starring Julia Roberts.  
**7.40** **Channel 4 News.**  
**8.00** **Speed with Guy Martin.** The motorbike fan sets out to build the world's fastest soapbox racer in an attempt to set a new speed record using just the pull of gravity and a tarmac road. Last in the series.  
**9.00** **Homeand.** Carrie challenges a resentful Fara to show more commitment to their work, and puts her operation in motion – but as events reach a crucial point, there is a shock in store.  
**10.00** **Micky Flanagan: Back in the Game.** The cockney comedian performs to his home crowd at London's Hackney Empire, regaling his audience with tales of middle age, marriage and a man's prerogative. (R)  
**11.40** **Alan Carr: Chatty Man.** The host welcomes stars of Horrible Bosses 2, Charlie Day and Jason Sudeikis, The Fall actress Gillian Anderson and comedian Russell Howard. Singer-songwriter Lorde performs live. (R)  
**12.40** **The Big Bang Theory.** Leonard and Raj take a heartbroken Howard to Las Vegas, leaving Sheldon locked out of his apartment and forced to spend the night at Penny's. (R)  
**1.05** **According to Jim.** Cheryl returns home for a visit. (R)  
**1.25** **American Football Live.** Indianapolis Colts v New England Patriots (Kick-off 1.30am). All the action from the clash between the respective AFC South and AFC East teams at the Lucas Oil Stadium.  
**4.45** **NFL: Rush Zone.** Animation about a young American football fan who must protect shards of a power source called The Core, which is hidden in various NFL stadiums.  
**5.10** **SuperScrippers.** Highlights from the series providing cash-saving tips. (R)  
**5.25** **Deal or No Deal.** Contestants try to beat the banker and guess the contents of mystery boxes to win a big-money prize. With Noel Edmonds. (R)

## Channel 5

- 6.00** **Milkshake!** Peppa Pig **6.05** Roary the Racing Car **6.15** Angelina Ballerina **6.30** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures **6.35** Seaside Antics **6.40** The Mr Men Show **6.55** Chloe's Closet **7.05** Oily the Little White Van **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas **7.25** Make Way for Noddy **7.35** Paw Patrol **7.45** Milkshake! Bop Box **7.50** Little Princess **8.05** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky **8.20** Wanda and the Alien **8.35** Zack and Quack **8.50** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **9.05** Jelly Jamm  
**9.20** **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** The Rat King returns.  
**9.55** **Access.** Showbiz news and gossip. (R)  
**10.05** **Police Interceptors.** Sgt Carlin uncovers a major criminal operation. (R)  
**11.10** **Police Interceptors.** A van thief takes a disastrous wrong turn. (R)  
**12.10** **FILM: The Good Witch's Charm (2012).** Drama sequel, starring Catherine Bell.  
**1.55** **FILM: A Star for Christmas (2012).** Festive drama, starring Briana Evigan.  
**3.40** **FILM: Farewell Mr Kringle (2010).** Christmas drama, with Christine Taylor.  
**5.25** **FILM: Dumb and Dumber (1994).** Comedy, starring Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels.  
**7.30** **5 News Weekend.**  
**7.40** **FILM: Superman II (1980).** The Man of Steel returns to take on a trio of super-powered fugitive villains from his home planet of Krypton. Comic-strip adventure, starring Christopher Reeve and Terence Stamp. Edited for violence and language.  
**10.00** **FILM: Conan the Barbarian (2012).** A warrior seeks revenge on the warlord who killed his father, and tries to stop him magically making himself all-powerful. Fantasy adventure, with Jason Momoa and Stephen Lang.  
**12.15** **FILM: Chaos (2005).** A veteran cop and his inexperienced new partner take on the mysterious criminal masterminding a series of hi-tech heists. Crime thriller, starring Jason Statham and Wesley Snipes.  
**2.05** **SuperCasino.** Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.  
**3.10** **Mysteries of the Bermuda Triangle.** Documentary investigating the reasons behind the reported disappearances of many boats and aeroplanes in the area of the north Atlantic between Florida, Puerto Rico and Bermuda. (R)  
**4.00** **House Doctor.** A couple from Milton Keynes hope to move to France. (R)  
**4.25** **Make It Big.** The youngsters visit local radio stations. (R)  
**4.50** **Make It Big.** Josh meets a journalist. (R)  
**5.15** **Angels of Jarm.** Wendy is scared of Fatima's mum. (R)  
**5.20** **Angels of Jarm.** Angel Rafe protects the children in the kitchen. (R)  
**5.30** **Angels of Jarm.** (R)  
**5.40** **Roary the Racing Car.** (R)  
**5.50** **Roary the Racing Car.** (R)



# Secretive bird is given away by distinctive call

**NOVEMBER, when autumn begins to hint at giving way to winter, is one of the best months to see wildlife in Shropshire.**

As I've mentioned in previous columns, the leaves are gone and the grasses reduced.

Avian enthusiasts are also treated to an influx of migrants, most obviously in the form of fieldfares and redwings and perhaps slightly more electrifying – the waxwings.

But down by the water's edge there are other migrants and ones that you perhaps wouldn't think of putting on the 'usual suspects' list. There are two reasons why the water rail would be a less than obvious choice. It is itself less-than-obvious and indeed if a single creature was ever worthy of a single, descriptive word, then feasibly 'skulking' and 'water rail' would marry very happily together.

A secretive, enigmatic bird, the water rail is wide, yet thinly spread across the UK. Because of its nature, it is an inhabitant of thick reed margins and dense aquatic vegetation. However those traits betray it somewhat at this time of the year because not only does the vegetation disappear, but our native population is bolstered by new arrivals from Northern Europe. If there was ever a 'time' to seek out this mysterious bird, now is it.

The water rail has chestnut-brown and black upper-parts, a grey face and under-parts and black-and-white barred flanks. Superficially it may well appear similar to a moorhen, but its defining feature is a beautiful long, red bill.

It is more active at dawn and dusk and

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along with its more famous migrant cousin the cuckoo, it is well known for being far more often heard rather than seen. And what a sound! Only the other day I was examining my camera trap at the local lake and as I waded cautiously through the dying reeds, I was startled to hear an ear-splitting squeal not 10 yards from my position in a clump of reedmace. I froze, not wanting to scare the animal further and after a couple more shrieks, grunts and squeals it dawned upon me that this was not a mired pig, but a water rail doing what it does best and being heard rather than seen. It was not until I checked the camera footage that I actually saw the culprit (see 'Ben Waddams Wildlife Artist' Facebook page for a short video).

The word "sharming" has been coined to describe the water rail's call, which, as I experienced first-hand is a mixture of low-pitched grunts and high-pitched squeals. In fact the 'sharming' is so loud that as well as giving the unsuspecting naturalist a bit of a fright, it can also be heard by any predator within a half mile. To combat this water rail mothers, a little callously perhaps, simply tend to lay a large brood of eggs. With up to 12 chicks to come between you and a stoat or mink, the adult birds can seemingly be as loud as they want.

See Ben's large wildlife exhibition at The Plough Inn, Shifnal until November 30.



November is the perfect time to see a 'skulking' water rail

# No plans set for food waste bins, insist officials

THE Government has "no plans" to force councils to bring in separate food waste collections, officials have said.

Collections of leftover food have increased and official guidance can help local authorities looking into such schemes, but there are no plans to compel councils to adopt them, the Government said in a response to a report by MPs on reducing waste.

But the Parliamentary Environmental Audit Committee (EAC) said the Government had "its head in the sand", and was refusing to take steps to reduce the amount of food and resources that were wasted in the country.

It comes after Shropshire Council trialled food waste collections over 12 weeks at homes in Bayston Hill, Hanwood and Meole Brace in Shrewsbury between July and September, along with cardboard collections.

People living in north and south Shropshire can dispose of unwanted food in their green recycling bin, but no decision has yet been made for the Shrewsbury area since the trial.

Powys County Council introduced weekly food waste collections five years ago. Each home has a caddy with liner and meat, fish, cheese, bread and tea bags are among the items which can be put inside.

The EAC report published earlier this year on "ending the throwaway society" called for measures including separate food waste collections and a ban on food being sent to landfill.

EAC chairwoman Joan Walley said: "The disposable society simply isn't sustainable in the twenty-first century."

The MPs said more than a third of food waste goes to landfill, where it produces potent greenhouse gas methane, but leftover food could be used in "anaerobic digestion", a process which produces green energy and fertiliser for parks and agriculture.

It also called for lower VAT on recycled products and for a phased-in requirement for new products to be recyclable.

In its response, the Government said VAT was controlled by the European Union.

It said that it had no plans to require that all products coming on to the market to be recyclable.

But the Government said it was working with industry to investigate options for extended warranty periods on electrical and electronic products and the contribution more resource-efficient businesses models could make.



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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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THE CLUES

- 52349 gives a US state;  
4178 gives a British river;  
162884 gives a European capital.

Your time:

X is to Y



1. Maria is to Tony as Dulcinea is to ?  
BILLY BIGELOW, DON QUIXOTE, KING ARTHUR, SANCHO PANZA, SWEENEY TODD
2. Eboracum is to York as Verulamium is to ?  
BATH, CANTERBURY, CARDIFF, ROCHESTER, ST ALBANS
3. Peter is to rabbit as Jeremy is to ?  
DUCK, FROG, HEDGEHOG, PIG, TOAD

Your time:

Mindbender



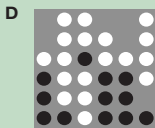
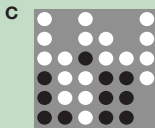
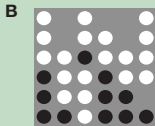
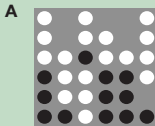
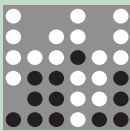
Arthur is playing with his felt-tipped pens. When he puts them in groups of seven he has no pens left over. When he puts them in piles of five he has four left over. When he puts them in groups of two, he has one left over. If he has less than sixty all together, how many felt-tipped pens does Arthur have?

Your time:

Mirror Image



Which of the four shapes below is an exact mirror image of the shape on the right?



Your time:

Split Decision



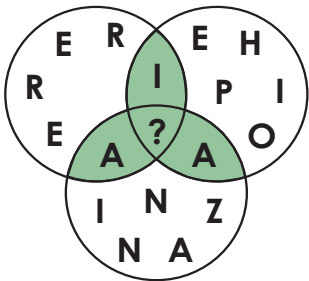
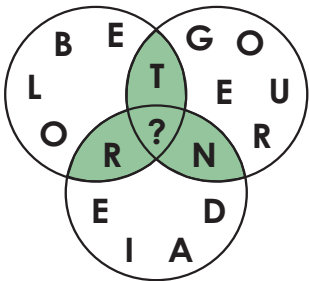
Cross out one of the two letters in each divided square to reveal a completed crossword grid.

W	S	G	A	N	F	S
H		V		U		
E	A	Y	I	S	E	G
L	N		D		E	Z
L	E	F	E	S	C	T

Your time:

CIRCLEGRAM

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be rearranged to form words with a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



ALPHAMUDDLE

Rearrange the letters to make five words that read both across and down. Five letters have been placed to start you off.

L	I	V	I	D
A	V	E	N	A
N	I	V	E	L
A	C	T	A	C
E	C	I	C	E

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IMPOSSIPUZZLES

1. 'Gail brought in a paper bag. 'I got the iced buns you like,' she said. 'Here's the change from the £2 you gave me.'  
'That's nice,' replied her mother. 'But I thought you would get those others at 17p each.'  
'You didn't tell me,' Gail shook her head. 'Anyway they would have cost 25p more for the same number.'  
**How many had she bought?**

2. 'That's all I have left from fifty pounds I drew today,' Elsie declared, emptying her purse on to the table. 'Just eight times the pence part of the total, plus seven times the number of pounds, all added to their product in p's.'  
Judy had her cash on the table too. 'You've certainly got more than me,' she said. 'But what a coincidence! My total works out exactly the same way.'  
**What were their respective amounts?**

3. 'I found something funny about our number, Dad,' said Jack, pointing to a sheet a paper on the table. Tom looked. 'I don't see why,' he declared. 'A very ordinary 3-figure number.'  
'Look again,' the boy replied. 'Multiply it by seven and then divide by sixteen. You get the same digits but with the last coming first.'  
**What was the number?**

SUDOKU

2		5	9		7			
				4	1	3		
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7			8				3	1
	1	4				6	5	
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CROSSWORD

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56																				
64	65																			
72																				
79																				
85																				

ACROSS

- 12 Overdo (5,3,3)  
13 Rick (6)  
14 Eliminated (3,3)  
16 Animal (4)  
17 Attacked (6,3)  
18 Climb (5)  
19 Tie (4)  
20 Rival (9)  
22 Endeavoured (5)  
23 Dismantle (4,5)  
27 Understands (7)  
30 Go to (6)  
31 Sway (4)  
32 Rage (5)  
35 Mettle (4)  
36 Surplus (3,4)  
38 Entrance (4)  
39 Vegetables (7)  
42 Bowman (6)  
45 Accepted (5)  
46 Present (7)  
47 Leave (4)

DOWN

- 1 Section (4)  
2 Fear (6)  
3 Robbed (6)  
4 Criticised (7)  
5 Bet (5)  
6 Pudding (7,3)  
7 Reason (5)  
8 All in all (2,7)  
9 Run (7)  
10 Stalk (4)  
11 Mollified (8)  
15 Route (6)  
21 Broadcasting (2,3)  
24 Plain (7)  
25 Hit (6)  
26 Kitchen gadget (6)  
28 Snag (5)  
29 Nonsense (3)  
33 Segment (7)  
34 Affair (6)  
37 Depends (5)  
40 Pen (5)

- 41 Keeps quiet (5,2)  
43 Respond (5)  
44 Reprimand (6)  
46 Hard outer layer  
49 Clothing (7)  
51 Hut (6)  
53 Grief (6)  
55 Sauce (5)  
58 Shabby (4-2-4)  
60 Success (3)  
62 Hope (5)  
63 Unwilling (9)  
65 Tokens (8)  
68 Running (6)  
70 Understood (7)  
71 Statements (7)  
75 Cope (6)  
76 Usual (6)  
77 Bang (5)  
78 Attempt (5)  
80 Iota (4)  
84 Bag (4)

SOLUTIONS

Brain Training

9-letter word: VEXATIONS, Texas, Avon, Vienna.

X is to Y  
1. Don Quixote, 2. St Albans, 3. Frog.

Mindbender  
Arthur has forty-nine felt-tipped pens.

Mirror Image  
A is the mirror image.

Split Decision >

W	H	A	R	F
L	B			
A	R	I	S	E
L	D			
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Crossword

Across: 12 Carry too far, 13 Sprain, 14 Cut out, 16 Stag, 17 Lashed out, 18 Swam, 19 Moor, 20 Condemned, 21 Ried, 23 Take apart, 27 Gather, 28 Curant, 47 Exit, 48 Fat, 50 Cresses, 52 Upright, 54 Rapped, 56 Slained, 57 Mard, 59 Through, 61 Sile, 64 Aced, 66 Left, 67 Willow, 69 Stood up, 72 Butters up, 73 Lamps, 74 Terminate, 79 Stew, 81 Set on, 82 Hands down, 83 Rush, 85 Braise, 86 Nicked, 87 Cast a glance.

DOWN: 1 Part, 2 Fright, 3 Stolen, 4 Roasted, 5 Wager, 6 Spotted dog, 7 Cause, 8 On bat, 11 5 Buns at 12p each, 12 The number was 592, 13 Judy £14.62, 14 3, 15 The number was 592.

Alphamuddle

A: The letter represented by the question mark is S. Lobster, sturgeon, sardine, all kinds of seafood.

B: The letter represented by the question mark is T. Entree, Ethiopia, Tanzania, all African countries.

C: The letter represented by the question mark is T. Entree, Ethiopia, Tanzania, all African countries.

Dance, Avail, Naive, Civic, Elect.

Sudoku

9	2	3	7	1	5	4	8	6
4	6	7	3	8	2	9	1	5
5	8	1	4	6	9	7	2	3
3	9	6	2	1	5	6	8	4
4	7	7	2	7	3	6	5	9
8	1	4	2	7	3	6	5	9
7	6	8	9	4	2	3	1	5
6	7	5	8	4	1	3	9	2
1	3	9	6	2	8	5	7	4
2	4	5	9	3	7	1	6	8





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## New BMW will win friends

IT doesn't look at all sporty and power goes to the 'wrong' wheels for a BMW but the latest model from the Bavarian car maker is going to cause some large ripples in the sales pond.

For BMW expects the majority buyers of a new 2 Series Active Tourer to come from other brands, and half of them to be mature empty nesters, more likely to transport their grandchildren than their own offspring.

And these buyers won't care that the upright stance of the newcom-

er says 'practical' much more than sporty. Indeed, they'll relish the space this releases for both people and luggage – and still admire the BMW badge on the bonnet.

They'll bother even less that this is the first BMW to drive through its front wheels – like almost every family car made these past many decades, but an absolute no-no in BMW terms until now. Pushing power through the rear wheels is still best for absolute precision from the steering and making a powerful car punch through bends, but the 2 Series Active Tourer has other priorities, and manages pretty well anyway.

This is a car aimed at the heart of a quickly growing part of the car market,

ignored until now by BMW but heavily patrolled for years past by Mercedes-Benz with its B-class and the posher versions of cars like the Ford C-Max and, a very recent arrival, the VW Golf SV. All attempt a dash of style while remembering that practicality wins the day and the new BMW is a fine example of this principle.

It is barely longer than BMW's own 1 Series hatchback but a little taller than a BMW X1 SUV, resulting in a car that will fit four six-footers in comfort (five at a pinch). A back seat that folds (easily) in three sections and can be slid to favour luggage or rear passengers' legs, and an electrically powered tailgate as standard show BMW has taken everyday practicality to heart.

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# Aiming for a wider audience

By James Parker

**BMW hopes by adding two extra doors to the recently launched third generation MINI, it will introduce the car to a wider audience.**

Granted, the Countryman might also be a genuine five-door car, but MINI's take on this apparent duplication is that the Countryman is an SUV, albeit a small one, making it an unfair comparison.

So, what we have here is a slightly longer MINI hatch – all the better to accommodate rear seat occupants – boasting more cabin and boot space, plus the added flexibility to attract families and active types seeking a more practical MINI hatch.



You'll have to look closely to really spot the changes in the transition from three to five doors. The extra length is modest (72mm between the wheels) and it does little to harm the look of this third-gen car's already expanded dimensions.

Inside this five-door model is the now familiar new-look MINI fascia, complete with oversize central display, tweaked minor controls, the inclusion of a BMW-style i-Drive controller and chunky steering wheel. The result is a car that retains the trademark BMW era MINI look, but also boasts a more mature, grown-up feel.

### Welcome

No question, this expanded MINI will be a welcome sight for anyone with a small family looking to remain faithful to the brand. The car's rear doors aren't the largest and access could be more accommodating, but once inside there's reasonable legroom even for adults.

The car's boot also receives a welcome boost, as along with the flexible boot floor and additional storage, folding the rear seats liberates a decent amount of space.

Despite the expanded dimensions of the five-door car, it remains loyal to the fun ethos of the three-door model. On the move, the extra length and weight barely registers, which means you can still throw the car around if so inclined.

At launch, the choice between Cooper S petrol and Cooper SD diesel means the difference between a feisty, rev-happy experience and a more relaxed but no less potent one, respectively.

Both 2.0-litre four-cylinder units, they



**'No question, this expanded MINI will be a welcome sight for anyone with a small family'**

can also be had with BMW's six-speed dual clutch transmissions if you don't fancy the extra workout associated with the manual shifters.

Factor in a switchable eco-normal-sport mode plus optional electronic sports damping and you don't need to sacrifice a thing in the pursuit of a performance MINI driving experience despite the car's increased focus on practicality.

In basic trim the car benefits from a few options, although these can prove surprisingly good value.

Likewise engine choice, as BMW's efforts to reduce consumption and emissions have resulted in some seriously tax-friendly numbers. Plus, spec your car well and you won't lose your shirt when it's time to sell it on.

It's pretty obvious that the five-door hatch will likely appeal to buyers seeking a little more space for a growing family. And if you just want some added versatility this model is probably a smarter choice than the larger Countryman, especially if the whole SUV culture isn't your thing.



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320i Luxury Gran Turismo N20 2.0	Glacier Silver metallic	5468	13 Plate	£22,990
320i Sport Gran Turismo N20 2.0	Glacier Silver metallic	7813	13 Plate	£23,490
320d Sport Gran Turismo N47 2.0d	Black Sapphire	18378	13 Plate	£23,990
320d Luxury Gran Turismo N47 2.0d	Glacier Silver metallic	7310	13 Plate	£24,490
320d Sport Gran Turismo N47 2.0d	Glacier Silver metallic	7744	13 Plate	£24,990
320d M Sport Gran Turismo N47 2.0d	Black Sapphire	6257	13 Plate	£25,450
320d M Sport Gran Turismo N47 2.0d	Black Sapphire	9902	13 Plate	£25,950
320d M Sport Gran Turismo N47 2.0d	Glacier Silver metallic	12303	63 Plate	£25,950
320d M Sport Gran Turismo N47 2.0d	Black Sapphire	12152	63 Plate	£25,950
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328i Modern Gran Turismo N20 2.0	Mineral Grey metallic	4101	13 Plate	£27,990
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116i Sport 3-door Sports Hatch	Mineral White metallic	3568	14 Plate	£20,950
118i Sport 3-door Sports Hatch 1.6	Black Sapphire	5014	14 Plate	£21,950
118i Sport 5-door Sports Hatch 1.6	Glacier Silver metallic	5527	14 Plate	£22,850
220i Coupé N20 2.0 Sport	Mineral White metallic	9151	14 Plate	£22,950
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# Perfect for driving in city

By Ian Donaldson

**How many visits do new car buyers make to a showroom when they're considering changing the family holdall parked on the drive?**

A few years ago the answer was a round half dozen; yes, six trips through the showroom doors as the potential buyer weighed up the merits of the metal temptation sitting under the spotlights.

Now that same shopper visits a showroom ONCE, and then probably with a print out of the best price they've found on the internet. The main question to the sales staff is: "OK, then, can you match this figure?"

Which means first impressions count more than ever, with only a single chance to romance a buyer into signing on the bottom line. Better start with a good looking car, then.

The man who made the new Peugeot 108 look the way it does is a sharp-dressing Dutchman called Ivo Groen, design director for this model, and for the car it replaces, the strong selling 107.

He's honest enough to admit the two cars share rather a lot of the bits you can't see, and they're built in the same factory in the Czech Republic as the new Toyota Aygo and Citroen C1, so making them look different is vitally important.

Are old and new baby Peugeots as different as chalk and cheese? There is honesty again in Ivo's answer: "No, they're like cheese and cheese because they share the same roots. But while the 107 is the

kind of cheese you would have with a baguette, the 108 is a cheese you would like to eat with a nice glass of red wine."

What a very French way of thinking, from a Dutchman, no less.

But he's right, the 108 does look a more sophisticated take on minimal motoring than the 107.

Crucially, it also looks a lot more separated in style from the other two near identically engineered and priced rivals from the same factory.

And like the Toyota and Citroen, there are any number of ways you can make your own 108 look more different still.

## Specification

The new range starts at £8,245 for an Access model with 1.0 litre engine, three doors and a specification that includes electric windows and remote central locking, but won't be bought by many attracted to a new 108. They are much more likely to head for something like an Active grade car (from £9,495) and the goodies it brings, from air conditioning to DAB digital radio and a seven inch touchscreen.

Passing through the Allure we reach the pinnacle of 108 motoring with the Feline grade, from £11,845. That brings a larger, 1.2 litre engine and temptations like alloy wheels, dual zone air conditioning and leather seats. So, a grown up spec in a little car.

Then we get to the bit Peugeot hopes will have you ticking the options' boxes; with the standout extra a folding fabric roof for £850 that lets a lot of light into the car, even though it's rather less the Cabrio that Peugeot calls it than a giant sunroof.

You can then go mad with add-on patches of colour inside and out. Perhaps a



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dashboard striped like a supermarket bar code gone colour crazy, or a two tone finish, perhaps in purple and grey? Fancy a style upgrade after you've bought the car and your dealer will happily change a trim panel or two to suit your fancy.

That won't make the car drive differently, of course, but it's pretty good in standard form anyway. The little engine sounds enthusiastic as it pulls you along at a perfectly reasonable pace, while recording an impressive 57.6mpg on a test run over city, country and motorway tarmac.

There's not much room in the rear (and the boot is small) but this is a car designed

for life in the city, where the optional and dearer 1.2 litre engine would prove of little benefit. It pulls better once out of the 30mph limit and still topped 50mpg, but for most people, most of the time, the little engine will do the job just fine.

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## A new era for showground

**With the news of local automotive company Greenhous taking on the sponsorship of the West Mid Showground in Shrewsbury, the signs are now well and truly evident as the new promotional signage has been installed.**

The previous West Mid Showground logo has been incorporated into a refreshed design. The signage is bright and modern reflecting the forward thinking of Greenhous and showground operators, the charity Shropshire and West Midlands Agricultural Society.

A new website is being designed with the help of the Greenhous e-commerce team and a greater use of social media will characterise the marketing of future events.

Greenhous is supporting the society with business advice, guidance and support on a range of developments to improve both the infrastructure and management of events staged at the showground off Berwick Road in Shrewsbury.

The Greenhous West Mid Showground is the larg-

est community venue in the county with over 50 acres of usable space. It hosts events of all types and sizes. The largest events attract thousands of supporters to the town each year, enhancing the local economy. These include the Shropshire County Show in May, Shrewsbury Folk Festival in September and a recent bonfire and fireworks display.

Smaller more specific events are held April to November, including a bi-weekly car boot sale, dog shows, horse and pony events, circus and funfairs, tractor pulling, car shows etc.

The showground has the facilities for indoor and outdoor events with permanent and temporary hospitality and acres of car parking. There is even a facility for caravan and motorhome visitors to the town.

The new sponsorship deal with Greenhous will help to raise the profile of the West Mid Showground and work to return it to the position of prominence it deserves in Shropshire and the West Midlands as the place to visit for town and county community events.

## Company has vehicles to suit your business needs

**The supply of vans and light commercial vehicles is an important part of the Greenhous Group operation as most brands have versions in its portfolio.**

Greenhous Vauxhall in Telford is providing the latest Vivaro van to customers. The Vauxhall Vivaro continues to set the standard for the medium van category, with established technology and a ground-breaking range of highly economical engines. It has impressive performance and style, with the kind of features that take the tough graft out of everyday working life, its good looks and versatility enhance any business.

ABC Fire & Safety Ltd is a family-owned-and-run company now based

in Hampshire but also operating in Shropshire, run by the sons of its owner, David Hughes. The company launched in 1997 and now employs eight staff. It has a branch in Priorslee, Telford.

The company is ISO9001 accredited and also BAFE registered for both extinguishers and fire alarms. ABC Fire & Safety Ltd supplies a range of services from fire and health & safety risk assessments to alarms, training, CCTV, emergency lighting, electrical circuit inspection and testing and dry risers, plus security and access systems.

David says of his relationship with Greenhous Vauxhall: "We have purchased two more Vivaro vans from Greenhous Vauxhall in Telford in order to expand our service fleet. The next

thing may well be to take on some Astra estates to expand the alarm side of the business. We were very satisfied with the previous two Vivaros supplied in 2008 although they are now long gone. The company needed two replacement vehicles and the offer Ben Esp came up with for two red ones in stock was excellent as was his service and communication."

Ben is a sales consultant at Greenhous Vauxhall with responsibility for commercial sales. He says: "The vans were a perfect colour for David and we have arranged for them to be signwritten prior to them being delivered."

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## Emma joins team at Arthurs

**A new sales administrator has joined award-winning Vauxhall dealer Arthurs of Oswestry.**

She is Emma Faulkner, 23, whose recruitment follows a successful year for new and used car sales from the Lower Brook Street dealership.

David Goldthorpe, Arthurs of

Oswestry's sales manager, said: "The sales administration team is the backbone of a car sales department and an essential part of the business."

"We are fortunate to have many committed employees and our senior sales administrator Barbara Barrow has coped very well with a substantial increase in car sales."

"However, it was clear we had to find someone suitable to assist Bar-

bara with her increasing workload and Arthurs is delighted to welcome Emma who has settled in very well as part of the Oswestry team."

Emma, who graduated from Aberystwyth University, is a farmer's daughter from West Felton. She is a member of Whittington and Oswestry Young Farmers.

Pictured: Emma's at home in a Vauxhall.

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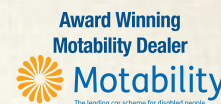
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# Panda that's a little bit cross

By John Griffiths

**How do you make a Panda Cross? Well since we're talking the cute but not furry new 'baby' from Fiat, hiding its bamboo shoots wouldn't do at all.**

To make their Panda Cross, Fiat's engineers have beefed up the popular 4x4 city car with some rough, tough styling and impressive extra capability to make a beast that's as much at home in the wild as in the streets.

It's a pretty rare beast, too. I've probably killed off some of my remaining brain cells trying to think of a car which matches it in both areas – ride and refinement on the road and off-road ability that would put some very much more expensive SUVs to shame.

There are a number of small cars with four wheel drive these days, including the standard Panda 4x4, which offer the reassurance of all-wheel drive on winter roads, and are capable of the odd foray onto the beach or field. But the Panda Cross is designed to tackle much rougher terrain when needed, and to prove the point Fiat let Britain's motoring writers loose in the woods of a country estate and a muddy, flooded quarry – both of which the car took in its stride.

It shares the same small, economical engines as the standard Panda, but its secret is light weight, increased ground clearance, a redesigned front and rear end to allow it to tackle steeper climbs or descents, and steel plates to protect vital components underneath from being damaged by stones and tree stumps.

In the engine bay, the air intakes are positioned considerably higher so you don't 'drown' the engine even in relatively deep

water. All-season tyres, a range of electronic aids and a fast-acting, three-mode four-wheel drive system help provide the necessary traction on mud and wet grass.

But of the electronic aid which considerably adds to the Panda Cross's capabilities is hill descent control, a system first seen on Land Rovers and later BMW SUVs but not in cars of this class and price (from just under £16,000). It largely does away with the need for a second, heavy and expensive low-range gear box. Through the ABS system it uses pulses of braking to keep your progress to little more than walking pace down steep slopes without losing grip and 'tobogganing,' out of control to your doom.

## Faith

As part of the test, the Fiat techies suggested tackling a wet, muddy 45-degree slope in neutral: anathema to someone so used to using low-range first gear to control speed in such circumstances. It was a leap of faith, but I tried it and the car didn't let us down. We crept down the slope perfectly under control as the electronics and hydraulics did all the hard work.

That one system alone makes you so much safer off-road than any of the many competitors who don't have either hill descent control or low-range gears.

At just over 1,000kg, light weight means the small engines of 80bhp (diesel) or 85bhp (petrol) are capable on the uphill bits, too. The petrol version has a specially designed six-speed gear box with a 'crawler' first gear, while the diesel relies on its lower revving, torquey character to the same effect.

Light weight and small engines have another benefit, too: fuel economy of 60.1 and 57.6mpg respectively, low emissions and low rates of road tax.

It was a pleasant surprise that all those



ingredients of an excellent off-roader – increased ride height, all-season tyres and tough suspension – don't compromise the Panda Cross on the road where it will spend most of its time.

Both engines are quiet at higher road speeds and the ride is as smooth and compliant as you'd expect of a modern city car, with no hint of the old off-roader 'rock and roll' to make your passengers car sick.

Cornering appears unaffected, too, and of course you have electronic stability control and the automatic four-wheel drive to give you extra security.

The Cross is, of course, virtually identical in size to its Panda stablemates, except when it comes to height thanks largely to the bigger, 15-inch alloys and special tyres.

The cabin is tall, too, with big areas of glass and you immediately feel the higher seating position which leaves you looking down on most hatchback drivers.

Like its stablemates, the Panda Cross seats four in comfort and there's 225 litres of boot space, increasing to 870 litres with the rear seats folded.

Traction control, stability control, hill descent control, three-mode terrain control and diff lock are standard on both Panda Cross models. Other standard equipment is pretty comprehensive, too, with climate control, electric windows and door mirrors, an audio system with Bluetooth, split/fold rear seats, and a leather steering wheel with remote controls included.

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46 **Guils suffer again at the hands of old foes in Cup**

Thursday, November 13, 2014  
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GUILSFIELD will be sick of the sight of Caernarfon Town after suffering their third defeat already this season at the hands of the North Wales coast club to end their participation in the Welsh Cup.

After narrow losses in the Word Cup and in the Cymru Alliance this term, the Guils knew their trip to Caernarfon for the second round of the prestigious Welsh Cup would prove another tough proposition.

And so it proved for Mike Parry's side who suffered a slender 1-0 loss, with a second half free-kick from Lee McArdle enough to separate the sides.

There was little to choose between the two teams in a tightly contested affair, with chances at a premium although Guils keeper Dave Littleford had to make a fine double save from close range in the first half to deny the hosts.

The Guils had some opportunities themselves, with Aaron Edwards, a new signing from Penycae, and Adam Jenkins, both denied by smart saves from the home keeper.

**Free-kick**

But the decisive moment came on 66 minutes when the visitors conceded a free-kick on the edge of the box, and McArdle fired his effort over the wall and into the net to ensure his side's place in this week's third round draw.

Guilsfield now return to Cymru Alliance duty on Saturday, hoping to shrug off their cup exit when they hit the road again, this time to leaders Llandudno.

It's a tricky encounter, but the visitors can take heart from a recent run of league form that has lifted them up to fourth in the table.

**Saturday's fixtures**  
**Huws Gray Cymru Alliance** (2.30 unless stated)  
Penycae v Holyhead Hotspur (2), Rhydymwyn v Caernarfon Town (2), Buckley Town v Porthmadog, Caersws v Denbigh Town, Llandudno v Guilsfield, Llanidloes Town v Conwy Borough, Mold Alex v Llandudno Wells (2), Rhayader Town v Flint.

**Oswestry still eyeing promotion**

OSWESTRY Tennis Club's mixed first team remain well placed for promotion despite suffering a narrow loss at local rivals Crifins.

The games were long and hard and closely contested with plenty of power and finesse, with the match concluding with two rubbers each, but Crifins edging the victory on sets won.

Oswestry's first pair of Josie Macrae and Matt Grice took a while to get going and an injury took its toll with the loss of the rubber in the deciding third set championship tie-break.

The second pair of Kat Oakley and Gary Edwards also took time to get into their stride before eventually taking the rubber in a deciding third set championship tie-break.

With rubbers equal at 1-1, the reverse rubbers would be crucial to the outcome.

Macrae and Grice struggled against the Crifins second pairing, losing in straight sets, but Oakley and Edwards continued their winning streak with a well-deserved victory in three sets.

With only one fixture to play, Oswestry remain in a very good position for promotion.

**Welshpool throw away 3-0 lead against nine men**

WELSHPOOL Town spurned a three-goal lead as nine-man Llansantffraid Village rallied to salvage a 3-3 draw at Maesdyre in an eventful Spar Mid Wales League division one clash.

Looking to maintain recent improvements, Pool made a flying start with Will Thomas, Jack Harris and Martyn Ziemann carving a three goal advantage midway through the first half.

But they lost their momentum as the villagers hit back to reduce the arrears with two goals before half time, and then grabbed a leveller in the second period, despite having the first of their two players dismissed.

The visitors finished with nine men after Glenn Evans was red-carded for violent conduct, but the point keeps them in second spot, with Pool slipping down to sixth position. Ben Oakley (2) and Tommy Lewis were the Llansantffraid marksmen.

With Llansantffraid drawing, Rhosgoch after now just one point behind in third spot after edging out Bow Street 3-2 at home.

FOUR CROSSES' fluctuating campaign continued as they were downed 3-1 at Machynlleth, but BERRIEW gave themselves a boost with a 2-0 at rainswept Aberystwyth University which saw Dave Jones' side complete a swift double over the students.

In fact, manager Jones had to don the boots himself with his side low on numbers, but made his mark with the opening goal midway through the first half when forcing the ball over the line following a goalmouth scramble.

Glenn Donaldson then made it 2-0 when collecting a through pass from Will Gittins to beat the keeper one on one, while the visitors had enough chances to have made the scoreline more emphatic.

Lowly MONTGOMERY gave themselves a timely tonic with a much-needed 4-1 home verdict against Aberaeron which lifted them out of basement zone.

And prospects are looking up for Monty who have bolstered their squad by bringing former Berriew forward Elliot Jones back to the club.

Carno are now up to fifth courtesy of they 4-0 success

at struggling Tywyn Bryncreg who have slipped into the bottom two places.

In division two, DYFFRYN BANW twice came from behind to earn a spirited 2-2 draw at Presteigne who had led through Christian Roberts and Tom Hooper.

Arwel Jones got the first equaliser when slotting in a cross from Aled Davies who himself got on the scoresheet when firing home after latching onto a through ball.

With games in hand, Knighton Town are looking good in third spot in division two after hammering Bont 7-0 while Churchstoke also consolidated their place among the leading pack with a 2-1 success at Talgarth.

■ Llansantffraid's terrific run of form that has taken them to second in the first division has seen their boss Ray Jones be named manager of the month for October.

The second division monthly managerial award went to Kerry's Joe Andrew, while the division one player was Trefor Lloyd (Rhosgoch Rangers) and the second division player was Ryan Davies (Borth Utd).

**Llanrhaeadr in extra-time win against seven players**

**LLANRHAEDR booked their place in the third round of the Welsh Cup after securing a 2-1 extra-time victory at Brickfield Rangers who had no fewer than FOUR players sent off.**

The Wrexham hosts were down to 10 men in the first half when Iwan Matthews was brought down when through on goal, but they stunned their visitors by taking a half time lead. Llanrhaeadr spurned several good chances but levelled with 15 minutes remaining when Matthews volleyed home after the ball had fallen in his path.

Extra time saw Ben White put the Spar Mid Wales League division one visitors ahead, but Brickfield had two players sent off at half time of the extra period for fighting amongst themselves.

Despite their numerical advantage, Llanrhaeadr were unable to find the net again, while the home side had another player sent off for his second caution to leave them with just seven.

With fears the tie may be abandoned, the referee continued with play before blowing the whistle on an eventful tie that will almost certainly see Brickfield with a case to answer before the FA of Wales.

LLANFAIR UNITED's dreams of a place in the third round for the second season running were dashed as they went out 2-1 at Gresford Athletic.

**Chipped**

Both sides went into the tie unbeaten, and it was the Latics who kept their record intact as they took the lead following a lively start.

Llanfair steadied the ship, and were back on terms early in the second half when Paul Griffiths chipped the keeper after Chris Gethin had laid the ball back.

Despite having a good spell, they failed to make it count and Gresford struck the decisive blow with a terrific

**FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater**

rific 20-yard strike with just three minutes remaining.

It wear also the end of the road for WATERLOO ROVERS who bowed out 6-0 at the hands of higher league opposition, in the form of Cymru Alliance outfit Buckley Town.

Caersws kept their flag flying as they secured a 3-0 passage in difficult windswept conditions at Llanberis with goals from John Owen, Tom Richards and Mark Griffiths.

Playing with the elements in the first half they led at the break through Owen who slotted home from a Mark Griffiths through ball, while they had enough chances to have been further ahead.

The visitors continued to rule the roost, despite playing against the wind in the second period, with Richards doubling the lead following a corner before Griffiths settled the issue when stroking into an empty net after a shot had been parried.

Llanindoes Town, under Oswestry-based caretaker boss Mike Barton after parting company with Clive McNamee earlier in the week, went out 2-0 to Spar League side Penrhyncoch at Victoria Avenue.

First half goals from former Aberystwyth Town duo Josh Shaw and Elian Evans were enough to settle the issue on a disappointing day for the Daffs who made little impact.

Rhayader Town suffered a last-gasp 2-1 exit at Haverfordwest when sub Greg Walters fired home a fine drive into the far corner in the final minute.

The visitors took a 13th minute lead when Tom Rowlands converted from the penalty spot, after Nicky Palmer carelessly fouled Dylan McPhee in the box.

It didn't take County long to equalise though, as striker Luke Borrelli restored parity with a well taken goal to keeper Luke Evans on 16 minutes.

**Morris uses his head for an FC Oswestry victory**

AFTER suffering two narrow cup defeats, FC Oswestry Town maintained their promotion challenge in the Mercian Regional League Premier Division with a 3-2 success at Allscott.

Having drawn against their opponents in the opening game of the season, Town knew this would be a tough game and so it proved, but goals from Ollie Jones, Paul Bache and Alun Morris secured a deserved victory.

"We are starting to show some signs of real quality and spirit and hopefully we can take our form into our next few league matches and climb further up the table."

Town bid to keep up the winning momentum when they head to Childs Ercall on Saturday.

Oswestry started brightly against Allscott and created a number of early chances

thanks to good work down the left from Paul Batche and clever play from Paul Hughes.

And they went ahead when a left-wing cross wasn't cleared and Ollie Jones drove the ball home from six yards.

And the lead was doubled when the energetic Paul Bache ran onto a through ball and coolly finished.

A goalkeeping error allowed the hosts to pull a goal back just before the interval, however, and, buoyed by that, they started the second half strongly and were soon putting the Oswestry defence under pressure.

Allscott were level when a hopeful ball punted upfield left the visiting goalkeeper in no-man's land and the ball was slotted into the open net.

This sparked Oswestry into life, though, and they

secured the points when towering centre back Al Morris rose highest to head home from a corner.

Premier Division									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
FC Hodnet.....	12	7	4	1	34	18	25		
Telford Juniors.....	9	8	1	0	26	18	25		
Wellington AR.....	12	6	3	3	26	17	21		
Shifnal Utd 97.....	12	5	5	2	28	18	20		
FC Oswestry T.....	11	6	2	3	26	16	20		
Whitchurch A.....	9	6	2	1	21	14	20		
Wrexham Row.....	9	1	5	22	12	10			
Allscott.....	11	4	3	4	26	19	15		
Kelley Bank.....	11	5	0	6	27	31	15		
AFC B'north R.....	9	4	0	5	19	28	12		
Preas.....	12	3	7	21	31	11			
Wronester Row.....	9	1	5	22	12	10			
C Stretton.....	12	2	3	7	20	19	9		
Madley Spts.....	11	2	2	7	13	28	8		
Childs Ercall.....	9	1	4	4	19	17	9		
Weston Rlynn.....	7	0	7	3	45	0			

Division Two									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Highley MW.....	11	10	0	1	48	9	30		
Stoke Heath.....	10	8	1	1	46	19	25		
Gobowen Celtic.....	10	7	1	2	62	14	22		
Shifnal Harriers.....	12	5	4	3	47	30	19		
Belvidere.....	10	6	4	0	35	26	18		
Spaalg Bn.....	10	5	2	3	39	24	17		
Albington Jun.....	11	4	3	4	31	21	15		
AFC Brose R.....	10	3	4	3	27	15	13		
Riverside.....	10	3	4	3	31	20	12		
St Martins Vn.....	11	3	2	6	35	41	11		
Whitchurch AR.....	11	2	6	12	17	32	9		
Dawley Town.....	3	2	0	1	17	7	6		
Llynclys.....	9	0	1	8	10	46	1		
Denso.....	12	0	0	12	7	152	0		

**Ben powers to new lap record**



Mid Wales racing driver, Ben Power, set his third track record of the season, when he competed in the National Legends Car Championship at Pembrey. However, Power, aged 24, from Guilsfield, near Welshpool, missed out on championship honours, as the title was secured by defending champion Dean Brace.

In the first race, Power came fourth. He won race two by five seconds and in the final was fifth, recording the fastest lap of the day in final. On day two, he finished fourth in heat one, was taken in race two and in the final finished second behind Dean Brace, and set another lap record - his third this year.



Adcote School's rising pole vault star Danielle Langdale in action

**Danielle jumps for joy**

ADCOTE sixth former and deputy head girl Danielle Langdale who has been nominated by British Athletics for their Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence Programme.

This is a fantastic achievement as only athletes who British Athletics feel have demonstrated the potential to perform at the highest level are eligible for nomination to this programme.

Danielle finished the outdoor athletics season with a championship best performance in pole vault; a new personal best of 3m 40cm and a gold medal at the Telford Open. Towards the end of the summer, Danielle took the Midlands Counties U17 Championship with 3m35cm and

shortly before that took equal fifth place on height - 3m30cm - and seventh on count back at the English U17 Championships.

Danielle finished a remarkable first in her age group at the UK Athletics Jumps and Throws Festival, taking fifth place overall behind senior vaulters including two athletes who competed at the Commonwealth Games.

Now Danielle has the accolade of joining the AASE programme, which has been designed to meet the needs of a young person between 16-18 who has the realistic potential to achieve excellence in athletics and perform at the highest level as their main career.

**High fives as superb New Saints march on**

**Bangor 0 The New Saints 5**  
THERE appears to be no stopping The New Saints who opened up a commanding nine-point lead at the top of the Welsh Premier after beating Bangor City 5-0 at Nantpoeth.

Victory was effectively assured after the unbeaten high fliers fired a four-goal salvo in the first 34 minutes and, despite having striker Mike Wilde sent off early in the second half, ran out comfortable winners.

There was little sign of what was to come as Bangor made a flying start, and had their visitors pinned back before being breached somewhat against the run of play.

Midfielder Aaron Edwards got the ball rolling when planting his header past keeper Jack Cudworth from Wilde's cross after just six minutes to give the visitors the lead from their first meaningful attack.

Bangor, despite with a plenty of early energy, looked suspect at the back every time TNS ventured forward and the Citizens soon fell further behind in the 17th minute.

Winger Scott Quigley cut inside after being afforded too much space and unleashed a fierce strike past the diving keeper and into the top corner from the edge of the box.

Kai Edwards then got in on the act with a third on 28 minutes when left unmarked at the back post to fire home from six yards and Wilde scored his eighth goal of the season six minutes later from close in after Cudworth had spilled Chris Seargeant's cross.

Having racked up a record breaking 9-1 win in their last visit to Bangor back in April, the Saints threatened to run riot with Adrian Cieslewicz scuffing a shot wide when well placed from another threatening raid.

**Winning**

The league leaders continued in a similar vein in the second half and Wilde nearly added another goal when winning the ball from Damian Allen but drove his shot just wide from a tight angle.

Wilde, however, then saw red for kicking out following a challenge nine minutes into the second half but, despite down to 10 men, TNS went further ahead on the hour through winger Cieslewicz who tapped home after Quigley's shot was parried out by Cudworth.

Despite a man short, TNS kept a tight rein in the final minutes of the match and extended their lead at the top in comprehensive fashion.

■ A goal feast saw leaders The New Saints under-19s maintain their pursuit of the Welsh Development League title with an 11-1 hammering of Conwy Borough.

The Saints, who are three points clear at the top, were always in charge after Ryan Price put them ahead in the second minute.

Ryan Kershaw doubled the lead five minutes later before James Jones made it 3-0 on 10 minutes, with the first of his two goals.

Jordan Wells increased the margin on 13 minutes and, despite Jack Noon responding a minute later, Lewis Evans restored the four goal cushion on the half hour before Fisinik Hajdari added two more to make it 7-1 at the break.

Tom Ash notched No8 four minutes into the second period, before James Jones and Lewis Evans got their second goal of the games on 73 and 79 minutes, and the rout was completed by Mark Mutch in the last minute.



## TNS Ladies march on – but gutted to concede

THE New Saints Ladies maintained their winning form in the West Midlands Womens League premier division with a 2-1 victory at Kingshurst Sporting Ladies – but felt hard done by after conceding their first goal of the season from a controversial penalty.

Two goals to the good in the closing moments, the Saints conceded a shocking spot kick, and manager Joe Thompson admitted the decision tainted the victory.

“I was utterly gutted for my defence and keeper,” said the boss. “We were never in any danger of conceding until the penalty. For the ref just to make such a bad decision tarnishes what was and still should be a justified clean sheet record.”

The Saints are third in the table with five wins out of five and, despite 13 points off top spot, they have five games in hand on the leaders.

On top early on, TNS went close with Jade Hill narrowly missing the goal after good link-up play from Sophie Edwards and Lizzie White down the left hand side.

Kingshurst grew into the game which became a bit of a midfield battle, but TNS took the lead on 15 minutes when Hill lobbed the keeper from 20 yards after some neat build-up play on the edge of the box between Abi Cottam and Laura Morris.

### Scrappy

The pavilion pitch was in a bad state after the recent rain but the visitors went 2-0 up on the half hour when Cottam launched a good run from midway in the home half and slotted into the net.

The second half became a scrappy affair but the Saints were always fully in control with Emily Ridge and Abi Cottam denied by good saves while the visitors also hit the bar.

Kingshurst were given a lifeline late on with a contentious penalty following a dubious refereeing decision, the first goal the Saints have conceded in the league all season.

But they were not to be denied and manager Thompson added: “Sometimes in football you have to battle and win ugly to have success which we did today.”

“The ladies matched them physically all over the pitch and played the better football and fully deserved the win.

“We keep going knowing we should have had another clean sheet today because of how good the defence were again.”

The Saints are next in action when they face Knowle Ladies at Park Hall Stadium on Sunday, November 23 (2pm).

Meanwhile, TNS Ladies under-18s notched a 2-0 victory over Coventry City Girls under-18s.

## Rhyn let in dozen goals

WESTON RHYN’S miserable season continued as they crashed 12-0 at Church Stretton to remain rooted to the of the Mercian Regional League premier division without a point to their names.

Without a game in division two, GOBOWEN CELTIC lost second place to Stoke Heath Prison who had a 4-3 victory over Albrighton Juniors.

Top of the table Higley Miners Welfare march on with a 6-0 hammering of ST MARTINS VILLAGE.



Stud groom Lucy Dawson with Gentlewave

# Potters buy grade one Stallion

POTTER Group owners James and Jean Potter of Welshpool have secured an 11-year-old stallion to take up residence at the Yorton Farm Stud in Leighton.

Gentlewave, a son of the great sire Monsun, has taking up residence at David and Teresa Futter’s stud farm on the Shropshire/Powys border which is owned by the Potters.

Gentlewave, was winner of the Grade 1 Italian Derby, runner up in the Grade 1 Irish Derby, and never worse than second in six starts for Andre Fabre’s stable.

Mr and Mrs Potter secured the 11-year-old through a deal brokered by France-based bloodstock agent Richard Venn and European Bloodstock Management.

A resident at Vittorio Riva’s Haras du Thenney in Normandy since taking up stud duties in 2007, Gentlewave

has sired more than 100 winners on the flat and over jumps and has a high fertility rate.

His best-known horse in Britain is the Paul Nicholls-trained Pearl Swan, who was first past the post in the Grade 2 JCB Triumph Hurdle Trial, but demoted to second.

“When we bought the Leighton Farm estate our long term proposal was to create an equine centre,” said James Potter, managing director of The Potter Group.

### Delighted

“The opportunity to house one of the country’s most respected stud farms at Leighton was too good to miss and it was always our intention to have our own stallion standing there.

“We are delighted to have secured Gentlewave and are looking forward

to an exciting future.”

David Futter said: “We were very keen to stand Gentlewave and are indebted to James and Jean for securing him – they have been hugely supportive of our plans for Yorton Farm Stud.

“Obtaining a son of Monsun to stand in Britain is further good news for breeders, and this one is a sire of black-type winners in Britain and France.

“He has the best of German bloodlines, is very typical of his sire, has great bone and depth, is an athletic walker and has a wonderful temperament.

“He fits every criteria for National Hunt breeders.”

Yorton Farm Stud works closely with Rathbarry Stud in Ireland and is proud to stand stallions in conjunction with the Cashman family, Darley and Jeff Smith.

# Oswestry suffer off-day and bow out of the Shield

**OSWESTRY II dropped out of the Brooke Edgley Specialist Technical Services Shield with a 19-10 defeat to Crewe and Nantwich side that made the most of their try scoring opportunities.**

The game just didn’t go Oswestry’s way as they struggled in both line-outs and scrum but, despite the set-piece frustrations, they did have the greater share of the possession.

Despite this, and combinations of strong and skilful running, it was not enough to get them over the try line, as that final pass just didn’t go to hand.

Oswestry’s efforts were eventually rewarded through a try apiece for Adam Lloyd and Alistair Pryce, both touchdowns going unconverted.

The last 10 minutes saw the tempo of Oswestry’s game increase, with the pressure leading to a Crewe and Nantwich player being shown the yellow card for persistent off-side infringements. Oswestry again came close to scoring, but their efforts were not rewarded.

### Positives

The home side progressed to the next round of the competition courtesy of three touchdowns, two of which were converted.

Oswestry’s director of coaching, Gareth Barrett said: “The boys will be disappointed with today’s result, but there are lots of positives to take and a firm foundation to work on.”

■ Tom Hill grabbed a hat-trick of tries as Oswestry under-17s stormed to a 52-22 success against Dukinfield under-17s.

Having lost narrowly at

### RUGBY UNION by John Bridgwater

their rivals earlier in the season, the young Eagles savoured the chance of revenge in the return as they look to improve on their record of four wins and four losses in the second half of the league programme.

Despite a slow start by the home side, it was one way traffic with Hill pouncing the first of his three tries for the day with a little chip kick over the lat defence that saw the ball bounce into his hands for a score under the posts.

A second try arrived when Ryan Maddocks pounced on the ball over the line after Henry Braddick had kicked ahead, but the best score of the half came when man of the match Dan Smart turned the ball over in the tackle. Scrum half Luke Beckett then shipped the ball out to flying winger Dan Morgan who outstripped the defence and threw a pass back inside for fullback Thomas Henry to catch and

steam in under the posts.

The scrums and lineouts were solid and from a scrum a set piece move, the ball was whipped out wide and Braddick sped into the corner from 30 yards for a 24-0 interval lead.

Dukinfield lost players to injury, leaving the scrums uncontested, but they scored two tries to reduce the arrears to 24-12.

However, their hopes of a fightback were ended when Hill completed his hat-trick with two excellent tries, one from a chip and chase and another from a mazy run.

Another score came with a penalty try after George Done had been tackled around the neck 10 yards out, while Maddocks scored the final try when he benefited from another chip through to dive over in the corner.

The final score took the Eagles over the 50 point mark, and in good heart for Saturday’s visit to Wirral.



Oswestry outside half Ian Higgins takes on the Crewe & Nantwich defence, supported by No8 Dan Lawrence during the 19-10 Shield defeat.



Action from Oswestry first team’s 7-1 win emphatic over Newtown sees the host club’s Bill Swarbrick (right) battle it out with Arwyn Jones. Picture: Peter Shah.

# Josh nets hat-trick

JOSH Rowley fired a hat-trick as Llanyrnech under-16s produced their best performance of the Shropshire Junior League season with a deserved 4-1 victory against Bayston Hill, Josh Bigs was also on target with a penalty.

The under-15s went down 6-3 to Baschurch in a combative match, with their goals coming from Harry Garthwaite (2) and Sam Chesworth, while man of the match was Byron Edwards.

The club’s under-13s impressed in their 5-3 loss to their Bayston Hill counterparts, Luke Jones (2) and Thomas Horn on target, while Tony Roberts was man of the match

for his outstanding performance in central defensive midfield.

Two goals from Adam Oliver helped Llany’s under-12s to a 4-2 victory over Bayston Hill with Kyle Kynaston and William Morris also on the mark. Players of the match were Kieran Kynaston and Huw Evans.

### Results

**Under-eights:** Llanyrnech 1 Baschurch 4; **Under-nines:** Llanyrnech 6 Shrewsbury Lions 2; **Under-11s:** Llanyrnech 1 Bayston Hill 7; **Under-12s:** Llanyrnech 4 Bayston Hill 2; **Under-13s:** Llanyrnech 3 Bayston Hill 5; **Under-14s:** Llanyrnech 0 Shrewsbury Juniors 6; **Under-15s:** Llanyrnech 3 Baschurch 6; **Under-16s:** Llanyrnech 4 Bayston Hill 1.

## Dan bags all four as St Martins edge home

A FOUR-goal blast from Dan Graham helped St Martins consolidate their top six position in the West Midlands League division one with a battling 4-3 home victory over Bartestree.

It was tough going for the Saints who, despite dominating the encounter at Park Hall, twice trailed before turning the game around with two late goals.

Despite being without three key players, including two central defenders, they started with purpose as Karl Bailey fired over from a Shawn Melusi cross while Graham shot wide after being set up by Bailey.

Bartestree had been on the back foot but managed to get their noses in front on the half hour when winning a free-kick on the edge of the box, which Mark Hibbard sent into the box for Mark Avery to head home.

And it got worse for the hosts when Josh Sumner was harshly ruled to have fouled a forward who appeared to fall over in the box, and Tom Parry made no mistake from the penalty spot.

With the club’s top scorer Bailey forced off with a pulled hamstring, prospects did not look good for St Martins as they went into the interval 2-0 down despite holding the upper hand against robust opponents.

However, they rallied after the break with Graham reducing the arrears on 50 minutes before levelling matters five minutes later with his second goal.

The Saints should have gone in front when Melusi played a free kick to Guy Guilford, who shot over the bar from six yards, and Jamie Hands then saw his stinging shot well saved by the keeper.

Against the run of play, Bartestree restored their lead as Parry notched his second of the game on 70 minutes when lashing a terrific 30-yard strike into the roof of the net.

The home side, however, were not to be denied as they turned the game around with two goals in as many minutes, with Melusi wriggling his way into the box before finding Graham who completed his hat-trick in the 83rd minute.

And from their very next attack, the Saints took the lead for the first time as Guilford’s cross from the left found Sam Nash on the right and he pulled back for Graham to fire in his fourth of the game.

## On-song Ladies net another

OSWESTRY stretched their winning streak to four games with a 2-0 home win over Triton Ladies to cement third spot in the Cheshire Women’s Hockey League division two.

Oswestry were ahead with a short corner goal by Tracey Royle.

A few interesting umpiring decisions, and an noteworthy ‘football kick attempt’ from one of the visiting team allowed Triton Ladies to put pressure on the Oswestry defence, but sturdy play and a well-constructed attack allowed Tracy Royle to again find the back board with her second goal.

The ladies now face a tough game on Saturday away against Neston South Wirral Ladies II as they bid to maintain their good run.



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## Villagers to head south to face Lido

LLANRHAEDR must hit the road again in the third round of the Welsh Cup after being paired away to South Wales outfit Afan Lido.

Having overcome Wrexham hosts Brickfield Rangers 2-1 after extra time last week, the Spar Mid Wales League Division One side face an even longer trek this time to take on Port Talbot-based Lido on Saturday, November 29.

Lido were relegated from the Welsh Premier last season and are having a modest campaign in the Welsh League Division One, lying 11th with 14 points from 10 games, and have won just once in their last five outings.

Holders The New Saints open their defence of the Welsh Cup with a potentially tricky trip to in-form Caernarfon Town.

The Saints will be wary of a Caernarfon side challenging for Cymru Alliance honours and who have proved a tough nut to crack on home soil this term.

The draw, made by Wales manager Chris Coleman in Cardiff, also sees Cefn Druids host last season's finalists Aberystwyth Town, while Bala Town entertain Port Talbot.

**Full Welsh Cup draw:** Conwy Borough v Briton Ferry Llanawel/Aberdare Tn, Gresford Athletic v St Asaph City, Bangor City v Risca Utd/Garden Village, Buckley Tn v Holywell Tn, Bala Tn v Port Talbot Tn, Cefn Druids v Aberystwyth Tn, Afan Lido v Llanrhaeadr, Newtown v FC Nomads of Connah's Quay, Dinamo Aber-Tiger Bay v Caerswys, Gap Connah's Quay v Monmouth Town/Penybont, Albion Rovers/Undy Athletic v Carmarthen Tn, Cae-diff Met University v Prestatyn Tn, Rhyl v Goytre Utd, Airbus UK v Haverfordwest County, Caernarfon Tn v The New Saints, Penrhyncoch v Cwmbran Celtic/Caerau Ely. Ties are to be played Friday/Saturday, Nov 28-29.

## Eagles face tough test

IT'S a big day for Oswestry who face a top-of-the-table date with Southport at Granville Park on Saturday as they bid to maintain their winning ways in rugby's South Lancs and Cheshire Two (2.15pm).

The high-flying Eagles are looking in good shape, having moved joint top with eight wins in nine outings, the one defeat coming on the second weekend of the season.



Oswestry's Gadge Kelshaw tackles Dave Haymer

## Red card mars big derby victory

AFTER another goal-laden weekend, Oswestry's sharp shooters put their impressive form to the test in Saturday's showdown at Bloxwich in the West Midlands Hockey League division one.

A 7-1 rout of Newtown lifted Oswestry into pole position in table on goal difference, and they have now netted a remarkable 36 times in their last five outings.

However, they are unlikely to have such an easy ride on Saturday against third placed Bloxwich who, like their visitors, have lost just once themselves this season.

And their cause is not helped by Dale Seymour suspended after being

sent off against Newtown, while goal-keeper David Prince is also missing.

Even so, they can take plenty of confidence from their recent form that continued with a convincing, albeit feisty, victory against old foes Newtown at Oswestry School.

They were 5-0 up at half time to put themselves firmly on course for a fifth win, with Jack Morgan scoring twice to take his season's tally to 12. Jody Wilson and Steve Kelshaw also scored twice, with Ben Candy the other marksman.

Victory was tainted by the dismissal of Seymour who, after being struck a number of times on the back of his legs, was red-carded for violent con-

duct as he retaliated. He could now be banned for up to 30 days. With Oswestry down to 10 men, but 7-0 up, Newtown gained a consolation goal.

Oswestry's second string had no game in the North Wales League, but hope to return to duty at home to Aberystwyth University on Sunday.

OSWESTRY LADIES remain third in the Cheshire Womens Hockey League division two after securing a 2-0 home win over Cheshire outfit Triton at Oswestry School thanks to two first half goals from the prolific Tracey Royle. Victory kept them in third spot, three points adrift of the joint leaders, and they now face a test on Saturday with a trip to Golborne

## Morda face uncertain future as league say it's no-go

A CLOUD continues to hang over the future of Morda United who have been told they should not compete in the Welsh League.

The Weston Road club pulled out of the Mercian Regional League at the end of last season, hoping to play across the border in the Montgomeryshire League this term.

But the club was left in limbo after the Shropshire FA stressed that an English side should not play its football in a Welsh league.

They managed a few games but officials from the FA of Wales and the Shropshire FA have underlined their stance that the club should not play across the border.

That decision saw Morda concede last Saturday's Emrys Morgan Cup clash at Machynlleth.

The move has angered officials from the Montgomeryshire League and the club who have vowed to fight on as they bid to keep football alive in the village.

Manager Mike Parry was left to rue two poor decisions as Guilsfield's hopes of a run in the Welsh Cup were dented at Cymru Alliance rivals Caernarfon Town.

A 66th minute free kick from Lee McArdle proved enough to separate the sides in an evenly poised second round tie, but Parry felt the outcome could have been different had his charges had the rub of the green.

"It may sound like sour grapes, but even the Caernarfon players said the officials were the worst they've had this season, he said."

Parry's side have now lost to Caernarfon in both the Word Cup and Welsh Cup, but are still going strong in the Cymru Alliance Cup where they have been drawn away to lowly Llandrindod Wells in the last eight. The tie will be played on Saturday, December 6.

They return to league duty on Saturday, with a tough Cymru Alliance trip to leaders Llandudno on their 3G pitch.

# TNS CLOSE IN ON WIN MILESTONE

**THE New Saints are closing in on a significant milestone when they entertain Aberystwyth Town on Friday night as they look to make it two years without defeat at Park Hall.**

The Welsh Premier leaders last lost at home back on November 24, 2012 when shocked 3-0 by Carmarthen Town.

Coach Carl Darlington hailed the consistency of the defending champions on their 3G pitch, but knows the Saints still have work to do if they are to make it two years without losing at home.

Friday's clash against Aber (7.45) pits together the league's top two sides, although TNS are a commanding nine points ahead of their visitors as they chase a fourth straight title, and ninth in all.

"As well as the points at stake, it's a massive game of us as we are looking to drop. Aber have been a bit up and down this season, they have had really some good results, they drew with us on their ground, but they have also had some poor defeats, losing 6-3 at Newtown and 4-0 at Bala.

"But they can be a dangerous side, so we know we have to put in a good performance and maintain our mentality of winning games.

"We're not looking too far ahead, we just concentrate on the next game up, and that is Aber. It's quite an unpredictable league, anyone can beat anyone on the season.

**By John Bridgwater**

their day if you're just off the pace, so we cannot take anything for granted."

Aber are one of only three sides this term to have taken points off the unbeaten Saints, and include last season's Golden Boot, ex-Welshpool ace Chris Venables, who has already scored 17 times this term.

TNS are forced to make changes to their attack after losing striker Mike Wilde for three games following his red card in last Friday's 5-0 win at Bangor City.

Wilde had scored his eighth goal of the campaign, but was sent off 10 minutes into the second period after catching an opponent with his foot as he lay on the ground.

"It is a big blow to lose Mike as he has been playing so well in the last four games, not just the goals he has scored but his overall performance for the team," said Darlington.

"But we are fortunate that we do have plenty of attacking options in Matty Williams (who is back from suspension), Greg Draper, Alex Darlington and Scott Quigley."

After Friday's encounter,

the Saints are back on home surrounds next Tuesday when they entertain Port Talbot in the semi-final of the Word Cup.

Striker Jamie Reed has signed for The New Saints - but will have to wait until the transfer window opens in the New Year before making his debut.

The Saints have moved to secure the services of the former York City forward who was a free agent after returning to the United Kingdom following a spell in Australia.

Chester-born Reed started his career with Wrexham and was loaned to Aberystwyth where he netted nine Welsh Premier goals before returning to the Racecourse.

He went on to sign a one-year deal at Rhyl before, after a spell in America, joined Bangor City, where he was leading scorer in season 2009/10.

TNS, beaten finalists in last season's FAW Youth Cup, have been drawn away to GAP Connah's Quay in the third round. It is the third time that the sides have met in the this competition in the last three years.

## McKay's aiming for rally success



Ellesmere's Ben McKay returns to action in this weekend's Wales Rally GB

ELLESMEERE racing driver Ben McKay is relishing his second crack at the Wales Rally GB this weekend.

McKay, who will compete alongside father and navigator Jason in the R1 class, will be returning to action after a 12 month hiatus from the sport.

"It is on our front doorstep really and it

is an event that I have always wanted to do since I was young," said Ben.

"It is what got me into rallying in the first place, and obviously because we didn't finish last year we are really keen to get to the end of it this year.

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